

The Bethel Citizen

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THE BIG DIG, WES-STYLE
Second-grader Joshua Howe of the Woodstock Elementary School spent one recess last week doing a little snow excavation. This week may find him doing dirt work, as recent warm temperatures have melted much of the snow.

(Photo by
Alison Aloisio)



Bethel selectmen urge Legislature to reject new Albany bingo bill

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Board of Selectmen has gone on record as unanimously opposing a proposed change in Maine law that would allow the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe to develop a high-stakes gambling operation in nearby Albany Township.

The Maine Supreme Court ruled last month against the plan, on the grounds that the land the Passamaquoddy wanted to develop had not met a 1991 deadline for being classified as "Indian Territory," and as a result it could not be used for the high-stakes bingo facility proposed by the tribe.

That decision, said Board Chairman Dutch Dresser Monday, "for a short period put the matter to rest, but it's now back before us" — in the form of a bill introduced by the

tribe attempting to change the law retroactively.

Such a development "would be very destructive to Bethel and the rest of western Maine," said Albany attorney Jeff Rosenblatt, one of the leading opponents of the plan.

Rosenblatt reminded the selectmen that Bethel's taxes would undoubtedly rise if the gambling plan went through.

The town would be obligated — at least according to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission — to provide fire and rescue services for the bingo hall, Rosenblatt said, while the facility itself would itself be tax exempt.

But the selectmen Monday appeared already familiar with the tax

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Wednesday is Showdown Day in the Committee Room

By MICHAEL DANIELS

On Wednesday, March 15, the Joint Judiciary Committee of the Maine Legislature is scheduled to consider L.R. 2607, a bill sponsored by the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe that would in effect allow the tribe to construct and operate a high-stakes bingo hall in Albany Township.

Local opponents of the plan are urging all who possibly can to go to Augusta for the hearing, and to testify against the bill. Those who cannot are being urged to write, call or fax their comments to members of the Judiciary Committee (see page 4 for names and addresses).

State Sen. Norm Ferguson (R-Hanover) said turnout at the hearing could play a major role in determining the fate of the bill. "It's important that as many people as possible turn out," Ferguson said. "Numbers definitely impress the committee members."

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 438 of the State House in Augusta. For more information, call Dave or Norma Salway at 824-2350 or Dotty Duddy at 527-2138.

For drivers, getting gas is a growing pain

By ALISON ALOISIO

No one is turning in the car for a moped yet. But if the skyrocketing price of gas keeps going up into the summer, at least some local drivers say they may alter their driving or spending habits.

Prices at most local pumps for regular gas stood at \$1.649 on Tuesday. Some predictions have the price rising to \$2 by summer.

Koral Buck of Bethel is a student at the University of Maine at Augusta. She drives to Augusta once a week — and buys gas twice on each trip. "I have a (1991) Blazer. It eats gas," said Buck. The idea of the price going to \$2, she said, is "crazy."

Buck will graduate this year, but not before she has to drive to Augusta twice a week during the summer for classes. She's also trying to save money for her wedding, also planned for the summer.

She hasn't worked much to this point because of her demanding school schedule. But come summer, Buck hopes to get a job with more hours, so she can support her hungry vehicle and prepare for married life.

Pam Morgan of Greenwood has a Jeep Cherokee and a large pickup truck. "It costs \$5 more to fill those

vehicles," she said.

She and her family haven't made any adjustments yet because of the price of gas, but that could change with summer. Every weekend they travel to their camp in Stratton — talking both vehicles because of differing work schedules. "If gas becomes that expensive (\$2), it will be one vehicle," she said.

Morgan, who works at Northeast Bank in Bethel, said a bank employee who travels to the Bethel branch once a week from Portland has already made a change.

He used to drive a Land Rover at 10 to 13 miles a gallon. But recently, said Morgan, he's switched to his Saab.

Morgan said she thinks gas prices will affect people in Maine more than in more populated states because rural Mainers are more reliant on their vehicles.

Diana Witt drives every day from Andover to her job at the Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel. Driving life continues as usual for her, because, she said, "when you live in Andover you have to plan and conserve your trips anyway." The only thing she's doing differently right now — "I don't let the car warm up as long," she said.

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Town Meetings

Andover cuts to the chase, is out by lunchtime

By ALISON ALOISIO

Perhaps the most remarkable development at Andover's Town Meeting Saturday was that when voters broke for lunch, they didn't have to come back.

About 50 residents dispatched 65

articles in just under four hours — a record for recent meetings. Several previous gatherings have gone well into the afternoon. Saturday's meeting began at 8 a.m. and finished at about 11:45.

Although the 2000 warrant didn't

feature as many controversial articles as in past years, voters still found plenty of material to question and debate.

Mixed results for Fire Dept.
The Fire Department received approval for three out of five of its

requests.

Voters were skeptical — again — of Fire Chief Ken Dixon's recommendation that they establish a Fire Truck Account, to save for future

See ANDOVER, page 5

Harlon Abbott is new selectman in West Paris

By DUANE HAYES

Special to The Bethel Citizen
Voters attending Saturday's annual Town Meeting placed one new selectman in office, re-elected three incumbents and learned that the town now has no representation on

the board of directors for SAD17.

For selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor, lifelong North Paris resident Harlan Abbott was given the nod for a three-year term. Abbott won, drawing 72 votes as opposed to opponents Dale

Pirainen and Ronald Boutilier, who received 25 and 11 votes respectively.

Abbott replaces Wade Rainey, who has served for the past 12 years. Rainey decided earlier this year not to seek a fifth term, saying

his logging and assessing businesses are requiring more time than in the past.

"Because I need more time to spend on my businesses, especially

See WEST PARIS, page 4

Two valleys' rift is apparent in Newry voting

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bear River and Sunday River valley residents didn't line up against opposite walls in the Grange Hall, as they did at Town Meetings of old. But when it came to Monday's vote on a bus transit system for the town, they might as well have.

Residents' sentiments at this year's meeting fell largely along

valley lines. The transit plan, and a first-year contribution of \$4,800, passed by a vote of 17-16.

The proposed plan would spend \$1 million over five years to bring regular bus service to the Bethel area. The Maine Department of

Transportation would fund half the cost with grant money, with Sunday River Ski Resort providing a substantial contribution as well.

Newry and Bethel have also been asked to contribute to meet the required municipal share for the

grant.

There were a few bus plan skeptics from the Sunday River Valley, including Ann Friedlander.

"Will this be another cable?"

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1913
Bethel's Prospect Hotel severely damaged by fire.
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Letters & Opinion

WRITE, CALL, BE THERE

To the Editor:

Our sincere thanks to so many area citizens who have joined our efforts over the last eight years in trying to preserve the rural climate of our unique community. The opposition has never been directed against Native Americans. Rather, the focus has been on trying to prevent a large-scale high-stakes gambling establishment from being constructed in a community known for its lakes, hiking trails, and backwoods area where people can find peace and quiet while enjoying nature's gifts.

Historically, what has drawn tourists to this area of the Western Mountains, is the chance to get away from "it all." The proposed high-stakes bingo hall and plans for expansion into a full-blown casino, and possible amusement park, would bring "it all" here and jeopardize what we now cherish.

We ask anyone who wants to see this special area allowed to preserve its rural character to join us in Augusta on March 15, at 1:30 p.m. in room 438 at the State House to publicly state your opposition to the proposed bill, which would allow land in Albany to become Indian Territory. If you are unable to attend, we urge you to call, write or fax members of the Judiciary Committee, listed elsewhere on this page.

David and Norma Salway, Crawford and Terry Perry,
Nancy and Mac Davis, Eugene and Lorraine Tangway
Albany

PROCRASTINATION — ZONING

To the Editor:

Seventy-five days and still waiting. For a town with no zoning, the Planning Board is certainly giving Dwayne Bennett a hard time in his pursuit of life, liberty, etc. The board passed the matter on to the town attorney for "sorting out." Did Dwayne commit a crime?

Where was the town attorney for "sorting things out" when the selectmen voted to join Bethel and Gould Academy at the hip in a \$5,000,000 bond?

This was done shortly after Mr. Dresser successfully ran for selectman, "for the last time." He purportedly recused himself from voting on this issue, as he is assistant headmaster of Gould Academy.

Who brought the subject up, to begin with, and why? Are the residents of a town supposed to know what a \$5,000,000 bond is and what is its purpose? Its relation to a town the size of Bethel? Are the residents of this town entitled to know the yearly financial statements of our bond partner?

No one gave us a legal slant on this perplexing topic. But, the town attorney is being asked to "sort out" Dwayne's application to build and operate a garage.

Is it because a "few certain individuals with, shall I say, 'resources'" have frowned on having such a plebian business anywhere near their own vested interests?

Any person on the Planning Board who is related to these "certain few" should recuse themselves from a vote, as Mr. Dresser did on the Bethel-Gould \$5,000,000 hip-joining issue.

Mary P. Leimbach
Bethel

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

To the Editor:

We are at a very important point in the history of the Bear River Valley. At no other point has there been a greater need for the citizens of this Valley to stand up and be counted.

Never before has there been a greater need for the people's will to be heard. Over the past 15 years we have seen our municipal budget grow and public confidence dwindle. I, for one, have a great pride in our country, especially in the Town Meeting form of local government. Some have said "the purist form of democracy." Not in this town. Our local government has chosen to serve the tourist industry before its citizens, to put the needs of those who own the business before the needs of the common citizen.

Some of the office holders in our town government view the town government as a conduit to channel federal and state moneys to benefit the ski industry, at the same time diminishing the importance of the public's health and welfare, e.g., the Fire Department.

One has to ask whose administration is being assisted?

The selectmen of Newry should have listened to concerned citizens in the early 1990s concerning the need for the town to develop a capital improvement plan. A CIP would have allowed the town to impose impact fees on large-scale development, which would have reduced the money the town now needs to raise to provide reliable fire protection equipment and a lawful way for the town to handle its solid waste.

The selectmen instead chose to listen to the developers, appoint them to craft our zoning laws and run our planning board.

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I have many questions concerning the ethical and legal manner in which the business of the town has been conducted.

Our town report leaves much to the imagination. Where has the auditor's report been the past seven years? Who gets paid what? Who audits the books? Who makes the budget? Why didn't the selectmen tell the citizens that by hiring an administrative assistant we would lose our right to elect a town clerk, road commissioner, and tax collector?

It's time that the residents of Newry stand up for what is right and just. It's time to bring democracy back to the voters.

Brooks Morton
Newry

CLASS OF '75 REUNION

To the Editor:

This year will be the 25th anniversary of the Telstar Class of 1975. That's worth celebrating. And now is the time to start finding lost classmates, planning our reunion and getting the word out. I hope all members of the class will stop by the Telstar library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, to share ideas and memories. I hope to see many there.

Cathy (Davis) Autrey '75
Bethel

Some facts and arguments regarding the Passamaquoddy plans for Albany

(Note: What follows is an excerpted version of material circulated on the Bethel listserve by Albany attorney Jeff Rosenblatt. For a full version of his commentary, including a more detailed history of relevant events leading up to the current state of affairs, contact him at jeffr@bdc.bethel.me.us. —MRD)

1. The Tribe bought the 18-acre Albany property in 1988.
2. At the time the Tribe bought the land, it was in a "General Management" Zone, in which no commercial development of any kind is allowed, including, obviously, a gambling hall.
3. At the time the Tribe bought the land, high-stakes bingo was not allowed off the reservation, and, obviously, not in Albany Township.
4. The high-stakes bingo law was amended in 1991 to permit an off-reservation game on "Indian Territory." The Albany land was not and still is not "Indian Territory." The legislative record shows that the 1991 amendment went through the Legal Affairs Committee and was passed without any discussion or debate. Of course, no one in Albany had any idea of the eventual consequences of this legislative action.
5. In 1992, the Indian Claims Settlement Act was amended to make the Albany land eligible for "Indian Territory" status.

This amendment went through the Judiciary Committee, and again passed without discussion or debate, according to the record. There is no evidence that the two committees coordinated or consulted with each other or that the committees or the Legislature appreciated the potential problems created by the amendment.

6. No one notified Albany residents about the 1992 legislation before it passed. In fact, we were completely ignorant of the process in general without any knowledge of the pending bill in specific. In part, this is due to an anomaly in the language of Section 6205(5) of the Settlement Act. That section states in relevant part: "[N]o lands within any city, town, village or plantation shall be added to either the Passamaquoddy Indian territory or the Penobscot Indian territory without approval of the legislative body of said city, town, village or plantation in addition to the approval of the State."

When the Settlement Act passed in 1980, there were specifically designated parcels of land in "remote" parts of the Unorganized Territory, well away from any existing population, which were eligible for Indian Territory status. Clearly the Legislature intended that established local populations should have a say in whether land in their jurisdiction could in the future become Indian Territory. Although Albany has a significant local population and a well established pattern of land use, because it is not an organized Plantation, Albany Township's local population had, and continues to have no legally protected right to invoke the protections of this statute to shield us from the Tribe's renewed attempt to add its Albany land to Indian Territory. The evidence is clear and irrefutable that there is unanimous opposition in Albany to the inclusion of the land in Indian Territory.

The Legislature should honor the spirit of the law, and in fact should amend that law to give us a say in whether Albany land becomes Indian Territory.

7. Indian Territory is not subject to property tax. This fact has added significance in the case of the Albany land, because the Tribe intends to build a major commercial development there. There will be a substantial financial burden on the local residents in Albany and in Bethel imposed by the Tribe's development. According to the State Tax Assessor, local property taxes, which in the Unorganized Territory are paid directly to the State, are based in large part on the cost of needed local services.

The Tribe claims that the County of Oxford will provide law and traffic enforcement and that the Town of Bethel will provide fire and rescue services. The County of Oxford currently contracts with various providers for all local services to Albany, including road maintenance and solid waste disposal. Police and traffic services are provided to Albany by the Oxford County Sheriff. The Oxford County Sheriff has testified under oath that the Sheriff's Department currently has insufficient personnel, equipment, and budget to provide the traffic, safety and police services that the gambling hall will require. The County contracts with the Town of Bethel for fire and rescue services. The Bethel Town Manager has testified under oath that Bethel currently has insufficient personnel, equipment, and budget to provide the fire and rescue services that the gambling hall will require. There will also be additional demand for road maintenance, when thousands of vehicles, including hundreds of tour buses, pound what are now mostly sparsely traveled back roads. The Tribe takes the position that it is not required to make any payments "in lieu of taxes" and that it will not do so.

Because the Tribe's Indian Territory is property tax free, the Tribe's commercial development will contribute nothing to the tax base of Albany, and the taxes will increase on all other Albany property owners and on Bethel taxpayers to pay for the services required by the Tribe's commercial development in Albany. Any increased demand for public services will have to be funded by increasing the financial burden on everyone except the developers.

8. In 1994, the Tribe deeded the land in trust to the federal government. At that time it was, and based on the Court's decision, it still is in a "General Management" zone in which commercial development is prohibited.

9. In 1997, the Tribe submitted an application to LURC to rezone the 18-acre parcel of land to "General Development," in which zone limited commercial development is permitted. LURC granted that application, and also granted a development permit by special exception for the Tribe to sponsor Tamir Sapir's 2,000-seat gambling hall. The LURC process was a travesty of justice, a true outrage and utterly unfair. Let me give here just two examples of LURC's torturing of the facts and the law.

(a). In order to qualify for a development permit, laws governing LURC regulations require proof that the public's safety and welfare are protected. In spite of the irrefutable testimony of the Oxford County Sheriff and the Bethel Town Manager, as described just above, LURC found that "police and rescue services will be provided by the Oxford County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Bethel, respectively," and that "fire protection will be provided by the Bethel Fire Department." These findings were completely contrary to the evidence presented to LURC. LURC's decision on this issue was completely un-

precedented. In fact, just before the Albany rezoning decision, LURC denied a permit to an applicant who wanted to build a facility in Rangeley Plantation, finding specifically that "the applicant has not demonstrated by substantial evidence that public health, safety and general welfare will be adequately protected. Although basic services appear to be theoretically available from the Town of Rangeley, with police protection provided by Franklin County and the State, Rangeley officials have expressed serious reservations about their ability to adequately provide those services for the proposed facility." Denial of Development Permit D.P.4330 (Application of Madore), June 19, 1997. How can you possibly square that decision with the one in Albany and find that Albany was treated fairly in this regard?

(b). State law (12 M.R.S.A. 0685-A(8)) provides that land in the Unorganized Territory cannot be rezoned "unless there is substantial evidence that ... the change in districting satisfies demonstrated need in the community or area." In the case of the Tribe's zoning applications, there was no evidence presented by anyone of any "need" in the Albany community or the Albany area for a large scale commercial development, and certainly not a property tax free gambling development. In another complete departure from precedent, as well as from reason and fairness, LURC again simply ignored the evidence and the plain words of the statute and found that the Tribe's Zoning Petition "requires a different type of analysis, in that the community need is largely that of the Passamaquoddy Tribe which resides primarily outside of the Albany area." Commission Decision in the Matter of Zoning Petition ZP 616 (Application of Passamaquoddy Tribe), November 20, 1997. In fact, the reservation is 260 miles from Albany and no Tribe member resides in Albany or the Albany area. Although LURC acknowledged that under the statute LURC has always in the past required an applicant to prove that the proposed development will "provide goods, services, jobs, residential lots, or other economic activities which are in demand in the general vicinity where the proposal is located," id. LURC decided in this case that "a need exists within the Passamaquoddy community [sic] for revenue that can be raised from the proposed high-stakes bingo facility." Id. What about Albany? Where is the fairness in this decision?

10. The Tribe has no permits in hand that would allow it to begin construction of the development. The LURC permits are now vacated by the Court, and the Tribe has not even applied for all the other necessary permits, including those that will have to be issued by the State Police, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Fire Marshall, and the Department of Human Services.

11. The Tribe has spent little or no money in this process to date. That is because all the money spent is Tamir Sapir's, and he will forfeit that money if the project does not go through. In fact, Tamir Sapir gave the Tribe a non-refundable \$200,000 payment as a "signing bonus" and in return for the Tribe's promise not to do any gambling business with anybody but him for the next 20 years. According to the language of the contract as I understand it, if the Legislature now changes the statute to prohibit high-stakes bingo on the Albany land, the Tribe simply keeps the money and the contract with Mr. Sapir is ended, leaving the Tribe free to pursue other business ventures with other financiers.

12. The Tribe is currently or has recently been running a high-stakes bingo game on its reservation. The burdens of the commercial development should fairly run with the benefits. On the reservation, that will be the case; in Albany, there will be only burdens on the local people, while all the benefits go to the reservation or to Tamir Sapir in New York.

13. The Tribe is free to find other appropriate places to build a gambling hall, and the Legislature has the power to permit the Tribe to operate at any given location, not just on Indian Territory. Anywhere that is appropriately zoned for commercial development is a potential site for an Indian run high-stakes game. Any Legislator can introduce a bill to permit the Tribe to sponsor its game at any compatible location. In short, there is no reasonable opportunity that cannot be accommodated through appropriate legislation. Further, a facility on other than Indian Territory would not only be unequivocally under State government control, but also would be subject to property tax and thus would pay at least part of its own way in the community.

14. It is less unfair to the Tribe to reject this new "emergency" bill than it is unfair to the people of Albany to pass it. Because the project has never started, because the land has never been Indian Territory, because the Tribe has spent no money and has no permits to proceed with the project, because the Tribe purchased the land with no expectation and no possibility of building a gambling hall, because the Tribe is currently running its game on the reservation, and because the Tribe is still free to work with another local community and the Legislature to locate the game at a reasonable and acceptable place, it is fair to reject this late attempt to undo the Court's decisions.

Because Albany had no notice and no say about including this land in Indian Territory, because LURC has failed to enforce the zoning and planning laws, because there are no adequate local services or infrastructure to support the development, because the Tribe pays no property taxes on the land, because the property is adjacent to a pristine part of the White Mountain National Forest and on the banks of the "Class AA" protected Crooked River, because Albany is an extremely rural backwoods residential community with no existing commercial development, because there is universal local opposition to the project, because the project will harm the community and the region, and because an unknown foreign businessman with unknown sources and amounts of money and an Indian Tribe which claims to be a sovereign nation intend to set up their tax-free gambling shop on an 18-acre parcel smack dab in the middle of our Township completely against our will, it would be unfair to pass the Tribe's bill.

We are struggling to stop this well-funded professional juggernaut from proceeding with its ill-advised plan to profit from the gambling hall at our extreme expense. The "political incorrectness" of our position is so easily taken advantage of and even distorted, while the "plight of the Tribe" and its history of oppression is so impossible to resist that our struggle against this development is made doubly hard.

Our Back Pages

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10 years ago: The local share of a preliminary FY91 budget for SAD44 reflected a 21 percent increase for local taxpayers.

Andover voters decided 73 to 21 not to spend up to \$150,000 on a new fire truck.

Danish exchange student, Stine Lubben-Stewartson, was chosen as queen of the Telstar Winter Carnival.

Deaths: James F. McHugh, Mathilda Gilbert, Alice M. Gauthier, Lionel F.O. Blenes, Faye F. Henley, Nathalie Helen Judd.

20 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chase of Locke Mills were guests of honor at the Greenwood Town Hall in celebration their 50th wedding anniversary.

Roger H. Smith, a Telstar senior, was named to the Eastern Junior Nordic Team following the Eastern Ski Association Cross-Country Championships at Stratton Mountain, Vt.

Vince Chapman, Jimmy Orino and Frank Heath, all 11 years old, were first-place winners of a three-man relay race at the Bethel Inn. The three youngsters were competing against men in the event.

James B. Archer Jr. of Norway, former executive secretary to the Oxford County Commissioners, was a candidate for the Republican nomination as a member of the Maine House of Representatives, District 66.

Death: Leroy D. Morgan.

30 years ago: Gould Academy defeated Buckfield High School, 66 to 60 to win the Western Maine Class S basketball championship held at Edward Little High School in Auburn. Wayne Davis with 16 points and Dan Vogt with 33 paced the winners. Vogt was awarded the Johnny Messina Memorial Trophy as the tourney's outstanding player and sportsman.

Bethel voters elected Samuel H. Timberlake to a three-year term on the board of selectmen. Clarence Remington and John K. Brown were named to the SAD44 board of directors for three years.

Bart Bailey, a junior at Gould, captured his second skimester trophy as the local academy was winning its second State Prep School Ski Championship in a row.

The building housing Emerson Dairy in South Waterford was destroyed by fire.

40 years ago: In annual Bethel voting Maurice L. Kendall and Wallace E. Saunders were named selectmen and assessors for three years; Rodney K. Howe, school committee member for three years and Violet M. Bennett, town clerk for one year.

Pamela Young was crowned as queen of the Gould Academy Winter Carnival.

Miss Marilyn Boyker of Bethel had arrived in Nürnberg, Germany and had joined the special services staff of the U.S. Army in Europe as a service club director.

The recent minstrel show added \$642.90 to the coffers of the March of Dimes drive.

Births: Ellen Frances Lovejoy, David Francis Berry, Cindy Lois Lane.

Deaths: Hazen B. Lowell, Blanche W. Flint.

50 years ago: By a vote of 283-15 Bethel voters at the Town Meeting approved the construction of a new school building (Crescent Park School). Also approved was \$75,000 toward its construction. That amount was to be used in conjunction with \$60,000, realized from the sale of the brick grammar school at the junction of Elm and High streets to Gould Academy, to construct the new school for \$135,000. The original structure received additions over the years and was extensively enlarged and renovated in 1993-94. (The old brick school, a two-story, four classroom structure erected in 1894 at a cost of \$13,916.96, was razed in the mid-1950s.)

Marilyn Judkins of Mechanic Falls was announced as valedictorian of the Class of 1950 at Gould Academy. Merle Noyes of Locke Mills was salutatorian and third honors were received by Charles M. Smith of Mason.

Robert D. Hastings and Edmund C. Smith attended the annual meeting of the Eastern State Farmers Exchange in Springfield, Mass.

Birth: Edward Neil Robertson.

Deaths: Georgia Annie Gorman, Gerald A. Lapham, Eben E. Barker.

100 years ago: Attendance was down at Town Meeting due to the condition of the roads.

The noon dinner was served as usual to those attending the Town Meeting by the Bethel Library Association at the Grange Hall.

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Briefly

Asbestos project approved

BETHEL—SAD44 voters Tuesday approved by a vote of 724-178 a \$242,000 loan to remove asbestos from the Telstar complex. Individual town results were (affirmative votes first): Andover, 153-74; Bethel, 309-47; Greenwood, 67-12; Newry, 53-13; Woodstock, 142-32. "I'm exceedingly pleased," said Supt. Kent Rosberg. The loan, of which the district must repay only \$142,000 interest-free over five years, is "tailor-made for this situation," Rosberg said.

Upton, Greenwood buck the tide

UPTON/GREENWOOD—Two dozen Upton voters turned out Tuesday to vote in the presidential primary, but they favored the underdogs. Republican John McCain received seven votes to George W. Bush's four, while Democrat Bill Bradley got four to Al Gore's two. In Greenwood, 16 percent of the voters turned out to support underdogs. Alan Keyes led the Republican party with 24 votes, followed by Bush with 20. For the Democrats, Bradley had 16 votes to Gore's 10. Andover Republicans favored McCain over Bush, 57 to 42, while Gore easily defeated Bradley, 32-14.

Jones to get buffalo

PARIS—Kenneth Donisi, who faces a charge on cruelty to animals for allegedly neglecting his buffalo herd, could not convince a judge Monday that he should be allowed to sell the animals to recoup some of his losses. The herd, kept in Waterford, was seized by the state in February. Judge Andrew Horton ruled in favor of the expenses claimed by Wallace Jones, another Waterford buffalo farmer. Jones fed and sheltered the diseased and malnourished animals at a cost of \$500 a day, he said, after they were taken by the state. Jones will now take ownership of the 10 surviving animals of the 12 he rescued in mid-January from Donisi's Baker Hill Road farm.

Trucking owner pleads guilty

PORTLAND—Oxford trucking company owner Neal Cohen pled guilty Tuesday to charges stemming from the falsification of company records. Cohen, 43, pled guilty to a charge of conspiracy to create false medical records for truck drivers and to five counts of tax evasion. He paid his employees more than \$667,000 in under-the-table wages between 1993 and 1997, according to assistant U.S. attorney George Toby Dilworth. In the last six months of 1997, about 40 percent of the drivers' logs were false, he said.

Bog Brook trout project proposed

MASON—The U.S. Forest Service is inviting comment on a proposal for instream habitat restoration in Bog Brook in Mason Township. The plan calls for the placement of woody debris and boulders in an 833-foot section of the brook. The project would benefit brook trout, according to the USFS. The work would take place during the summer, when stream flow is minimal. For more information contact Pat Nasta at (603) 466-2713 (ext. 222) or Lesley Rowse (ext. 231). Comments should be sent to George Pozzuto, District Ranger, Androscoggin Ranger District, 300 Glen Road, Gorham, N.H. 03581.

Oxford woman killed

LYNN, Mass.—A Lynn man was accused in the Thursday killing of his estranged girlfriend, of Oxford, Maine. Robert S. Wallis, 46, turned himself in to police a few hours after Vivian L. Carey, 39, was found stable in her sister's Lynn apartment, police said. Officials responding to a call for medical aid about 2:15 p.m. found Carey bleeding from a chest wound. She was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead at about 3 p.m. Wallis turned himself in to police at about 4:45 p.m.

Loon plate revenue drops

FARMINGTON—Nearly 20 percent of Maine loon plate holders dropped the plate when the state switched from the lobster to the chickadee plates. And it's costing Maine's endangered species programs \$100,000, according to state biologists Mark McCollough. The \$20 annual charge for the plate helped support the programs. The result, said McCollough, is that most of the programs will "experience some pretty severe cuts or reductions," he said. More than 110,000 loon plates are still in use.

Spots available for Germany trip

WOODSTOCK—A trip to Germany for area adults is being planned for June. Stops on the 11-day tour will include Frankfurt, Berlin, Leipzig, Nuremberg, Freiburg and Heidelberg. A one-day stop in Oberammergau will include the Passion Play, performed every 10 years since 1643 to portray the Passion of Christ from his entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection. There are five spaces remaining. For more information, call Ann Morton at 665-3123.

Lovell society fundraiser

LOVELL—The Lovell Historical Society will hold its first annual Antique Show and Sale on July 23 at the Heritage Center on Route 5. It will coincide with Lovell's Bicentennial 2000 and the Lovell Old Home Day celebration July 22. Antique dealers and volunteers are needed to launch the new fundraising event. For more information call Renee Dutton (925-3245) or Jacky Stearns (925-6838).

AARP tax help offered

PORTLAND—American Association of Retired Persons volunteers are available to help Maine residents with free tax counseling. Help is offered to middle- and low-income taxpayers through April 15, with special attention to those age 60 and above. Counseling is offered at 101 sites across the state. Call (888) 227-7669 for more information. The volunteers are trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

Community days at Sunday River

NEWRY—Sunday River is offering free admission to the Nite Cap Fun Center for residents of SAD44 from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 9. The center offers a lighted halfpipe, a tubing park and a skating rink, as well as rentals. The resort will also offer a community ski day on Sunday, March 19.

Mainers tops in poundage

PORTLAND—A new state health report shows that more than half of Mainers lead sedentary lives and weigh too much, giving the state the highest rate of overweight adults in New England. Public health officials say the data show that Maine will have higher health costs from heart disease, diabetes, cancer and other chronic diseases if its citizens don't start slimming down. "The problem is that mammalian bodies are designed to conserve calories to defend against famine or infrequent feeding," said Dr. Burgess Record, medical director of the western Maine Center for Heart Health in Farmington. "Our caveman ancestors had to be physically active all day in order to find a few calories," he said. "Our health suffers through a mismatch of our genetics and environment." The number of Mainers who are at least 10 to 15 pounds overweight has increased 20 percent in the last decade. Someone's type of workplace can also play a role, said Dr. Dora Anne Mills, director of the Maine Health Bureau. "A lot of us could take a break and go for a walk if we made an effort to, but people who have a very low income often work in factories where that's just not the norm," she said. Efforts to address the problem are underway in many Maine communities. Some, for example, are opening up schools during off hours to give people a safe place to exercise during the winter.

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tour bus hung up on a bit of Bethel

At 2:40 a.m. on March 3 a report was received that a tour bus was stuck on Route 2. On arrival the officer observed the bus was parked in a driveway, partially blocking the westbound lane. The rear of the vehicle was hung up on the pavement. A tow truck was called and was able to move the bus enough to free it.

Wednesday, March 1

At 6:46 p.m. a subject was stopped for a vehicle defect on Route 2. A license check showed a suspended status. The subject, Linda J. Miner, 20, of Newry was arrested and issued a summons for OAS. She was released on personal recognizance.

Friday, March 2

At 7:40 p.m. police observed a vehicle traveling south on Route 26 with only one headlight operational, and no plate light. The vehicle was stopped and a license check showed it to be under suspension. The driver, James W. Alexander, 20, was arrested for OAS and taken to the Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

In an incident related to the above entry, while the officer was speaking to the operator another officer observed a package of rolling papers on the passenger side dashboard of the vehicle. The passenger was asked if they were his, and he said they were. He was then asked if there was any marijuana in the vehicle, and he said there was. He produced a cigarette box, in there was a plastic bag containing a usable amount of marijuana. The subject said it belonged to him. A summons was issued to Richard K. Pike, 25.

Saturday, March 3

At 10:05 p.m. police stopped a vehicle on Railroad Street. The officer had prior knowledge that the subject's license was under suspension. After confirming the suspension, the officer placed Mikael Reinoso, 35, of Bethel in custody and took him to the Oxford County Jail. The subject was also in possession of a suspended license, and it was confiscated.

Bingo

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implications of the project, and with the many other arguments that have been raised against the project.

They appeared to need little convincing to restate their opposition to the plan. And in doing so, noted Dresser, they were only reflecting the wishes of their fellow townspeople.

In February 1998, at a special referendum, Bethel voters went on record 529-198 against the construction of a high-stakes bingo hall in Albany.

The resolution passed by the board will be presented to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee, which will take up the Passamaquoddy bill Wednesday (see sidebar). The resolution, drafted by Selectman Al Barth, reads as follows:

"Dear Honorable Committee Members, We, the Selectmen of Bethel, speaking for a clear majority of our citizens urge the Judiciary Committee to vote ought-not-to-pass on L.R. 2607, 'An Act Concerning Previous Passamaquoddy Indian Territory Legislation.'

"If enacted, this bill would negate the recent Maine Supreme Court decision before the court files its findings. This bill would allow high-stakes gambling in next-door Albany. Such action would place an unfair financial burden on Bethel in terms of police, fire and emergency medical services. Furthermore, high-stakes gambling is incompatible with the scenic and recreational nature of this area. If gambling is to occur at all, it should be promoted only in areas where existing infrastructure and population so warrant."

Gas

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If the prices stay up, however, Witt said her family might curtail other spending to compensate for gas costs.

Then there's Lin Chapman of Gilead, who will make no concessions to higher prices. "You've got to have it," she said.

Chapman will continue to go to the Bethel Irving Station rather than seek out self-service pumps. "I have Betsey pump my gas," said Chapman. (Drivers may note that self-service gas is not necessarily cheaper than full service.)

Local gas retailers aren't much happier than their customers. "I have to buy this gas, too," said Kathy Bartlett, manager of the Railroad Street Big Apple in Bethel.

Her customers are not expressing anger at her, she said. "They're just wondering when it's going to two dollars," she said.

At Mills Market in Andover, the price jumped from \$1.45 a gallon for regular to \$1.65 on Saturday morning.

Customer reaction? "They don't think there's any need of it, but they realize it's not me," said Roger Mills. He said he has to raise the price on the same gas that's been in the ground for a while because the next delivery may cost him \$1.70, or more, a gallon.

Business effects

On the business side of the picture, gas prices are already affecting some budgets.

Bob Owens of Bethel Express transportation service said that if prices don't drop soon, he may have to go up on his rates, "especially to Portland," he said. "I'm trying to keep it as steady as I can."

Owens said a combination of gas price increases and fewer people around town recently prompted him to discontinue his night service.

At Brooks Bros. in Bethel, however, Jeri Greenwell said it's business as usual. Brooks still has to run its oil service trucks back and forth. "What are we going to say, 'The price of gas is too high - you'll have to wait till spring?'" she said.

Stony Brook Campground owner Bruce Powell of Hanover anticipates two scenarios if gas prices are high this summer. "I see local people using our facility more. But I have some concerns over the longer distance folks," he said.

Powell relies generally on long-distance campers stopping right off the road. He hopes they will still find a way to travel, perhaps by making adjustments in their spending on other parts of their vacation.

Heating oil and diesel fuel

While gasoline is drawing much attention at the moment because of recent jumps in price, no one is forgetting that heating oil and diesel fuel are not exactly cheap.

While they have come down some from a \$2 peak about a month ago, the \$1.30 to \$1.70 range is still difficult for some to pay.

Brooks Bros., said Greenwell, was giving customers the option for a while of taking only 100 gallon deliveries at a time. Many also stopped their automatic delivery schedule after Brooks contacted them about it, she said.

Now, said Greenwell, the price seems to have stabilized, and some people are going back to having their tanks filled. She doesn't anticipate significant drops in price for a while.

She also said Brooks is encouraging eligible customers to apply for fuel assistance. Some, particularly senior citizens, don't put their name in out of pride or embarrassment, she said.

Greenwell said she hates to see the oil prices where they were, and are. "There's no rhyme or reason. We were just going on a day-to-day basis. We didn't gain on it (any of the price increases)."

The heating oil costs have already put the town of Bethel over its annual heating budget, according to Nesta Littlefield, finance officer. The budget allowed \$1,200 for heating the Cole Block, for example, and the total cost so far is \$1,400. That doesn't include some bills for February, and there are still four months left in the budget year.

"We're going to have a problem," said Littlefield. "If it (the price) doesn't go down and hold, if we don't make adjustments, we might have a problem next year."

SAD44 was fortunate enough to have its prices for heating oil and diesel fuel for buses both set by contract last fall. Business manager Bruce Powell said, however, that he's not sure if the district will be able to make that arrangement for the next fiscal year.

West Paris

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assessing, I don't feel I have the time to devote all the time I should to the town," said Rainey.

Abbott assumes the post officially today (Thursday).

For road commissioner, Willard "Bill" Keach was given another term, to run through March 2003. The other nominee was the Board of Selectmen, which was nominated from the floor. Keach defeated the board 73 to 33.

For town clerk, tax collector, treasurer and registrar of voters, incumbent Dian Stimson was elected running unopposed, as was veteran water district trustee Phillip Edmunds.

No candidates were nominated for the school board seat. The opening arose when Dale Piirainen decided not to run for a new term in order to throw his hat in the ring for Rainey's selectman's position.

Not filling the opening Saturday was compounded last week when the town's other representative to the school board, Howard Corbett, also resigned to pursue a new job and due to some health problems.

It now becomes the responsibility of the selectmen to search for and appoint two volunteers to serve through the annual Town Meeting, next March.

Following the elections, the voters waded through a 74-article warrant and approved a municipal operating budget for the year of \$539,054. The figure is an increase of \$55,175 over the 1999 appropriations, but was well short of the requested amount of \$604,193 that had been turned in by department heads and social service organizations.

The increase was attributed to the fact that everyday costs continue to rise each year.

To help reduce the amount to be raised by taxation, the voters authorized the selectmen to use \$191,393 from various revenues and surplus accounts keeping the amount needed from taxes at \$347,661.

The budget approved Saturday, however, does not yet include costs for SAD17 or Oxford County.

Last year, the SAD17 figure came in at \$539,850 and the county charged \$36,043, so it is expected that the final budget will again be well in excess of \$1 million, as it was in 1999.

The most controversial issue of the day was an article asking the townspeople if they wished to change to a town-manager form of government.

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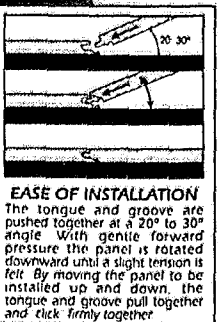
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That issue drew close to an hour of debate, and when the vote was finally taken the people made it clear they wish to stick with tradition. It failed by a vote of 86 for and 34 against.

This was the second time the issue had been brought before the voters, the last time being about 12 years ago, at which time it was also overwhelmingly defeated.

Asked if the issue was dead or still might be passed sometime in the future, Selectman Wade Rainey said, "If they let it rest for a couple of years and bring it up again it might pass, because the day is coming when they are going to see that a town manager is needed."

Other issues that were discussed drew a lot of questions, but as a whole the meeting moved along smoothly once the town manager issue was settled.

Approximately 135 residents were in attendance at the six-hour meeting.

Andover

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truck purchases. The proposed article would have raised \$10,000 this year.

"It only makes good business sense to put something aside so you have something to fall back on," said Dixon in making his case.

Voters, however, turned down the proposal with minimal discussion. Dixon has tried unsuccessfully at other Town Meetings to set up the account.

Residents also said no to a \$5,000 proposal to pave an area beside the fire station, which Dixon said turns into a mud hole in the spring.

Voters looked more favorably on raising \$10,000 to help with the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for firefighters.

Dixon said \$40,000 is available through a Community Development Block Grant to go toward the equipment purchase, and voters agreed to come up with the remaining share.

They also approved \$17,000 to replace the booster tank on a fire truck, and \$26,000 for department operating costs.

Another fire protection issue arose when voters discussed the annual fee for fire hydrant rental from the Andover Water District. Freeman Farrington noted that

when he operated a bucket loader for the highway department during a recent storm, he couldn't find the hydrants to clear them out. Dixon said he had spoken to AWD several times about the problem.

Ann Glasier, former AWD trustee, suggested people go to a board meeting and "light a fire under them."

No current trustees were present at the meeting.

The town's excise tax collection also came up for brief discussion when voters approved money from that account to be put toward the summer and winter road accounts.

What would happen, wondered Mark Farrington, if the town failed to raise the projected amount of excise tax money?

"Please go out and buy new ones (vehicles)," said Town Clerk Phyllis Spaulding, "and we'll certainly have the money."

Selectmen Dick Plantier said if the town did fall short, a special Town Meeting would likely be called to use money from surplus.

Stoney Brook option held open

Townpeople also voted in favor of having Andover "exercise its first option purchase" on the Stoney Brook Reservoir Property. No money was voted with the article, and town officials said its approval meant only that the town would proceed with looking into the particulars of a purchase.

Brian Mills said he favors buying the 74.5 acres, the site of the former AWD reservoir. "It's a unique property, a unique brook," he said. "I think it's very, very important the town retain ownership."

Mills said he believes if the state is made aware of the nature of the property, state grant funds might be made available to help with the purchase.

Dick Merrill was skeptical. "The town can't own everything," he said. "I disagree that you have to buy it to preserve it." There are rules and regulations in place, he said, to help with preservation, but they are not necessarily being enforced.

No town manager
Voters put an end, at least for now, to consideration of changing to a town manager form of government.

Mills was a member of a study committee that gathered information on the issue during the past year. "It could be done, and we feel

it would work," Mills said of the manager proposal. "Could" did not necessarily mean "should," however, Mills noted.

Said selectman Mark Thurston, "It is feasible, but I don't think it's necessary." A large majority agreed with him.

Voters approved a raise for the town treasurer's position - but not in the amount originally recommended by selectmen.

The board had proposed a \$8,320 salary for this year, up from the current \$4,800. But at the meeting, selectman Dick Plantier changed the recommendation to \$5,500, after research by the Town Office showed that to be the average salary for 10 towns comparable to Andover.

Voters also approved 3 percent increases in pay for most town employees and officials. The custodian was given a raise of just over \$2 an hour, applicable only to snow removal duties. A request from the librarian for a \$1 an hour increase was turned down.

Townpeople also defeated proposals to charge for fire and white goods disposal at the transfer station. They cited difficulty in record-keeping and the worry that charging might encourage people to dump tires and goods along the town roads.

The approved municipal budget totaled approximately \$475,000.

Election results

In Tuesday's elections, road commissioner Marshall Meisner was re-elected over opponent Richard Woodward by a vote of 173 to 55. In a write-in contest for treasurer, David Belanger won with 46, while Laura Hutchins received 18 votes. Current treasurer Shirley Gammon, who was not a candidate, received 28 votes.

Gertrude Akers, running unopposed, won the selectman's seat to be vacated by Dick Plantier.

Other incumbents ran unopposed and were re-elected.

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Newry

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asked Friedlander. "Or will the buses go around town as well as to Sunday River?"

Friedlander was referring to the fact that Newry receives cable service at and in the vicinity of the skiway, while Bear River and other more sparsely populated areas of town do not.

Rockie Graham shared Friedlander's doubts. "It's a great idea, but it doesn't say it's going anywhere else in Newry," she said.

Jim Largess, chairman of the area's transit committee, said service would be based on need. He said it could not be determined at this stage whether Bear River has that need, but he said, "We'll have a say," as details of the project are worked out.

"It's about a lot more than Sunday River," he said. "We're voting on a concept - do we want public transportation?"

Brooks Morton looked farther down the road, to a time when any buses purchased would be getting older. "It'll be just like the Fire Department in five years," he said.

Prior to the meeting, Morton also distributed a paper outlining his opposition to the plan. "In my opinion the Bethel/Newry short range transit plan is the biggest boondoggle since Bethel Station."

"Once the free money from the Feds runs out, who will fund the free ride?"

"What's the chairman of the Board of Selectmen from the Town of Newry doing on the transit committee, when his business is listed as one of the stops on the route?"

When the time to vote came, however, those in favor of the system prevailed.

Morton also argued in favor of a capital improvement plan for the town. In a Letter to the Editor in this week's Citizen (page 2), he raised a number of other issues regarding the operation of town government.

Fire truck purchase moved up

The Fire Department generated its own share of debate, but eventually townspeople voted funds to purchase a new fire truck - and move the date of the purchase up by one year.

Randy Brooke, speaking for the department, made the case to purchase a \$250,000 tanker truck to replace the aging 1968 model. "It takes half an hour to get to Bethel," Brooke said of the current truck. A more powerful engine would also aid firefighters in responding to the uphill Jordan Bowl and Grafton Notch areas, he said.

The department requested that enough money be raised to buy the truck this year. Selectmen's recommendation called for the funds to be raised over two years to minimize the impact on taxpayers. Their recommendation was to raise \$122,186, \$65,000 of which would be the regular contribution to the department's capital account. The town already has \$90,000 in it Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Account.

David Berry thought the department might be moving too fast in its request. "We might want to go a little slower," he said.

Joe Aloisio, who is a member of the department, agreed. "It seems like an accelerated rate to purchase trucks," he said.

Retorted Brooke, "If you'd come to the meetings, you'd know the health of the trucks. You're still going to ask for a heck of a commitment for a small number of people to fill a need. Just think, it could be your house."

The Newry department, like many others, suffers from a lack of manpower, members said.

Friedlander spoke in general support of the firemen. "We're not protecting a small town. We're protecting Sunday River. We need equipment to protect our men as well as the people."

Selectman Steve Wight said the taxes contributed by Sunday River and its condominiums support the purchase of protection equipment. "The 10,000 people that come on weekends help us in affording

this," he said.

Added Norm Davis, "The town ought to furnish them something for their money."

The meeting was moderated by Les Otten, chairman of Sunday River's parent company, the American Skiing Company. When someone asked the percentage of the skiway's contribution to the tax base, Otten replied it is 82 percent.

Selectman Wendy Hanscom said Newry has the second-lowest mill rate in the state.

Berry was not convinced. "I don't know why you'd want to see a high valuation," he said. "If you live here you certainly don't want to."

An amendment was made to raise half the \$122,186. It was defeated, however - and was followed by a straw vote in favor of purchasing the truck this year, using the regular capital account money to make up the difference.

Selectmen said they would call a special Town Meeting to vote on formally authorizing the purchase.

Townpeople also voted in favor of \$50,000 for Highway Capital Improvement, which will be used toward improvements on the Branch Road. The job will be put out to bid.

Voters approved \$100,766 for the Administrative Account, including a 3 percent raise for employees. When asked the salaries of the employees and officials, Gray said that she makes \$32,000, deputy clerk Loretta Berry \$18,720 and the selectmen \$4,400 each.

Despite the lengthy debates, when the meeting ended at 9:45 p.m. all 59 warrant articles had been approved. The municipal budget totals \$615,106.

Incumbent town officials were returned to office.

The legality of the meeting was questioned by Graham and Morton. Graham said the second-floor meeting violated ADA requirements, and Morton noted the town's auditor's report was not available. Gray said Tuesday she learned from MMA the legality was not compromised, but a fire could be imposed for the omission of some audit information.

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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Evelyn P. Nickerson of Kibborn Street is pleased to announce the arrival of her first great-grandchild, Tyler Nick MacDormand, born on March 1, 2000, to Scott and Julie MacDormand of Brookline, N.H.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, the Women's Fellowship of the West Parish Congregational Church had a surprise party for Lois Burgess and Gwyneth Bohr on the occasion of their 80th birthdays.

Gwyneth Bohr's two daughters and their families surprised her on Friday by arriving for a visit. Then on Sunday at Bridgton St. Peter's Church she was served luncheon in honor of her birthday.

Dick and Lorrie Hoeh have returned from a four-week Elder Hostel trip to New Zealand and Australia. They reported there were many high points during the trip and that it was all fabulous.

Lifida Chapin Bouchard, formerly of Bethel, now of Meredith, N.H., visited Betty Perkins on Tuesday. Parlane and Lindley Wieden were given a joint 80th birthday party at the Olive Garden in South Portland on Saturday, March 4. There were 24 present, including their children, spouses, friends, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

The Wiedens were overnight guests on Friday and Saturday of Sylvia and Don LaFlamme in Vienna. They attended the Methodist Church with Sylvia on Sunday morning.

Suzanne Hanner of Newry has moved to Sudbury Village. Charlie Merrill is a patient at Maine Medical Center, Portland.

Elgin ("Stub") and Hope Tibbetts have returned from a 10-day trip to Hawaii, where they attended their grandson, Joel Tibbetts' wedding. Many relatives from far and near attended.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is spending this week at Crescent Park School rehearsing for the show "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast" with performances taking place at 3 and 7 p.m. on March 11.

When I am an Old Woman I shall wear Purple --
When I am an old woman I shall wear purple/With a red hat which

doesn't go, and doesn't suit me/And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves/And satin sandals and say we've no money for butter/I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired/And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells/and run my stick along the public railings/and make up for the sobriety of my youth/I shall go out in my slippers in the rain/And pick the flowers in other people's gardens/and learn to spit/But maybe I ought to practice a little now?/So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised/When suddenly I am old and start to wear purple. -- By English poet Jenny Joseph --

The Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings
"Lost! Sixty golden minutes, each set with 60 diamond seconds. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever."

Thank you Nancy P. for the nice things you wrote in your letter about my column. So glad you enjoy it.

We have had a bad time getting our Lewiston paper since Kim Shannon had to give up delivering it last May because of health problems. I think our troubles may be over. We now have Larry Roderick, and he is certainly off to a great start. He gets here early in the morning. Since May it could be as late as 8:35 a.m. or even not at all. For three weeks I did not even get a paper. Many phone calls were made to no avail. At last, I finally started getting my paper once more and have been assured my subscription has been extended to cover the papers lost. Now I am paid up to Oct. 4.

Cathy Newell visited with me on Saturday morning. Friday was a great day for me. At last I got some phone calls. I got seven of them and one person called three times.

Nancy Anderson took me to the Health Center on Friday to see Jan. Drew Webster was in Norway recently to see his doctor. Judy Webster has arrived home after spending a few days with her daughter and family because Larsen was back in the hospital. He should be home by the time you read this.

KC Denton was at the Bethel House recently on maintenance. Florence Morgan visited her sister, Eva Lane, at the Bethel House

and helped her with her housework. Eva has a new hot water tank, as her old one started leaking.

Yes, Nancy, I remember when you, Arthur, and I were working at Hanover Dowel. That sure was quite a few years ago. Arthur retired in 1978 and I retired in 1982.

Liz Perry was at the Bethel House for a very short time on Friday.

Doug Grover and another man shoveled the snow from the roof of the Bethel House on Thursday and one of Jack Cross' men moved it with a bucket loader. The snow certainly was heavy.

Kathleen Hanscom of 85 Intervale Road is gaining all the time from her recent surgery. She can do such things now as wash the dishes.

One person in Newry is having an awful time getting his Lewiston paper every day. Since fall or early winter his regular carrier has been unable to deliver it and he was doing a great job, but he has not been able to deliver for a while. He has gone out many mornings and not found any paper. The regular carrier is in hopes to be back soon, and at least one guy will be darn glad to see him.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus/Look full in His wonderful face/And the things on this earth will grow strangely dim/In the light of His glory and grace."

Pastor Rick's message Sunday was "Your Work Matters to God."

Mildred Newell is back in her apartment at the Bethel House after being in Stephens Memorial Hospital from July 13 to mid-October and then in Market Square Health Care Facility until Feb. 29.

Cathy DiCocco brought soup and biscuits to the residents of the Bethel House again on Monday. She has two kinds of soup each time. This last time they were salmon chowder and barley vegetable.

Vada Glover spent the day with me Tuesday. We played cribbage and now with 110 games for 2000, I am still in the lead by four games. I expect anytime to have the tables turn and she'll have all the luck and stay ahead of me for quite some time. We had a lovely turkey dinner at the Rebel Family Restaurant and she also took me to the Foodliner.

Have a nice week everyone and God bless.

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East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Alder River Grange will have a meeting on March 11 at Stanley Howe's home on Broad

Street at 7 p.m. There will be soup at 6 p.m. before the meeting and a card game after the meeting. The theme for this meeting will be St. Patrick's Day.

Polly Smith attended Grace Smith's birthday party on March 4. Albert Foster attended also.

Gertrude Hinckley, Margaret Walker and Gerry Hart visited Roland Walker at CMMC on March 3. He was to come home on March 4.

Ruby Coolidge is taking clog-dancing lessons in Mexico now. Dana and Millie Jackson went to Dana's sister's 80th birthday party in Salem, N.H., on March 4.

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte
We are into the second week of March and it gets better every day. The hours of daylight are longer.

The temperature hasn't been below zero for many days and the snow has given us a minimal dusting. Two feet of snow disappeared in less than 10 days. The Upton walkers are back out there. They might have been out there all along but the snowbanks were so high you couldn't see them. The snow is pretty dirty, but who cares because it will melt faster. One of the neighbors actually got a sunburn out on her deck.

The deer are acting a bit weird. They have become accustomed to the people in cars viewing them from Stoney Brook Bridge, so they don't bolt as quickly. The downside of this is the discovery of two night snowmobilers chasing the deer out on the lake this weekend. This is a cowardly act against the animals. They have enough difficulty coping with dogs and coyotes chasing them through the snow. After the chase they lie down in the snow. The contrast of body heat and cold snow is a prime ingredient for pneumonia. They really don't need this stress put on them.

Sue and Dick Angevine spent most of last weekend entertaining the grandchildren, and it is a labor of love. Visiting them were Dustin, Sam and Tim. Asher and T.C. Witson also came up for a visit. Sue still has her two adopted "dropped" cats. They made it well through the winter with good food and shelter. Now, Sue wants to make the adoption permanent.

On Saturday, I had a call from Ginny and Buster Williamson. They are the shuffleboard champs of Lake Wales, Fla., and they don't miss the snow and the cold one bit.

There is positive evidence that the birds are migrating north again. We haven't seen or heard any geese yet, but Evelyn Kenney had a flock of starlings at the feeder. While we are not too enamored of starlings, they are a harbinger of spring. Joy Yarnell has several hoary redpolls mixed with the common redpolls at her feeding station.

A mysterious stranger is again dropping gray squirrels in Upton. The "East B" Hill folks have seen them at the woodpecker feeders. The Roys have "resident grays" in the roof of their porch. Fair warning to the person who is perpetrating this crime on us, there is a movement afoot to trap a scad of red squirrels and deposit them in his dooryard some dark night. We have a lot of the little critters in Upton, so be expecting a shipment soon.

Last week, Evelyn Kenney, Becky Kendall and Ellie LeComte attended a presentation at the McLaughlin Garden Center in South Paris. Rosemary Verey's One Acre Garden was viewed on slides and it was very impressive. Joy and Jim Yarnell had the pleasure of viewing the garden when they were in England several years ago. Our next stop will be the Portland Flower Show. If spring won't come to you, then you have to go find it yourself.

Last week I mentioned the large owl on the wires on Route 26. Sue Angevine identified it as a "Barred Owl." For her efforts we will give him the dubious honor as "Bird of the Week." Checking my trusty bird book, I find that his range is east of the Rockies, covering mountains and woodlands. That's us. He is a stocky, large fellow, gray brown with cross barring on neck and breast. He also has streaks on the belly and no ear tufts. A variety of calls are heard ranging from barks to hoots. He is usually

nocturnal but the one on Route 26 doesn't know this because he has been sighted below Harris Elliot's house in broad daylight many times. The barred owl feeds on an assortment of gourmet treats such as mice, other rodents, crayfish, frogs and smaller birds. Yummy. They may nest in a variety of places, including, hollow trees, abandoned buildings, and even an unoccupied crow's nest. Like all feathered friends he is a delight to see.

North Newry



by Gil Seely
Sylvia Gray, Nancy Wight, daughter Loretta, and Gil Seely treated Karlene Bachelder to a

birthday luncheon at Sun Garden one day last week with cards and gifts. Happy birthday and many more, Karlene, we love you.

Steven and Marlene Wight of Old Town spent a few days with Bill and Sylvia Wight and enjoyed snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

Karlene Bachelder, Bea Lowell and Gil Seely were at the Oxford Lanes in Rumford one day last week to do some bowling for fun. On the overall scores, Karlene was high on the singles with one string of 101, beating Gil by 11 pins. She also was high on the triples, beating Gil by two pins. She had one strike and two spares. Gil had one strike and one spare. Bea did the best she could to keep up with them. They went to lunch and did some shopping.

Alan Brown of Brooks and guest of Benton were overnight guests of Sylvia and Bill Wight recently and enjoyed a snowmobile ride through Grafton Notch.

Cheers to Chelsea Bartlett of Newry who was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" Feb. 19, 2000. She is a senior at Gould Academy in Bethel and is the daughter of David and Joan Bartlett. Well done, Chelsea.

Bill and Sylvia Wight, Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club directors, attended the February meeting of Maine's Snowmobile Association Directors in Augusta.

Happy birthday to Melissa Straus and also to Brent Bachelder.

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Why do today what I can put off until tomorrow... or next week ... or even next year?

Webster defines procrastination as: to put off intentionally and reprehensibly the doing of something that should be done.

Allow me to introduce myself -- I am the "Queen of Procrastination." I have made a science of procrastination. I could give lessons in it. If I ever got around to it. Procrastinating has gotten me into trouble; it has cost me opportunities; it has cost me money, and yet I go on by not going on when I should.

Just finished my spring-cleaning, which I'm sure some of you will think that's pretty good considering that spring isn't quite here. The fact is that I just finished my spring-cleaning for 1996. I still have 4 years worth of cleaning to catch up with. If I can just motivate myself and keep picking away at it, by 2004 I should be right on track.

It's not that I'm lazy, because I'm not. I just never seem to get around to doing the things that I have good intentions of doing. Other things always seem to get in the way, like a good television show or a good book.

A friend of mind had triple-bypass surgery last year. Being the good friend that I am, I promptly went out and bought a "Wishing you a speedy recovery after your surgery" card. It's still sitting on top of the television. My friend's recover was speedy so the good wishes didn't go to waste, but I guess the card did.

Sometimes I get bursts of energy and enthusiasm

and start a project with full intentions of sticking with it until completion. As long as I'm starting something, I do well; it's the finishing I never seem to get around to.

When I was pregnant with my son I started knitting a baby sweater. I finished it eight years later when I was pregnant with my daughter. Even she was born a month late and I just know it was because I kept putting it off.

It is said that procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday, but for me it's more like keeping up with last year or the year before that or several years ago.

Both of my children are adults now with children of their own and I still have Barbie dolls and Tonka trucks I haven't gotten around to wrapping for Christmas or birthdays. I think some of them are now collectibles. I suppose that one of these days I will have to have that "birds and bees" talk with those kids.

One thing that I absolutely have to do no matter what is to clean the refrigerator. I really don't think anyone is going to eat anymore of that Thanksgiving turkey. And I suppose that it's about time that I threw out my daughter's corsage from her senior prom.

Writing letters is one of my worst areas of procrastination. It is amazing that I have any friends left when I consider all the letters I haven't written to them. Again, my intentions are always good and I always start the letters, but I never seem to get beyond the opening paragraph. Some-

times I actually do finish a letter, put it in the envelope, address it and put a stamp on it, but then it sits on the dashboard of my car until I get ready to trade it in (the car, not the letter).

Once in a while my procrastination actually works to my advantage. For example, I never have to hustle around to decorate the house for Christmas because I never got around to taking the decorations down from the previous year. I never have to put out the grill or lawn furniture in the summer because I didn't get around to putting it away before winter.

I don't have to unpack my summer or winter clothing as the seasons change because they're still on my bedroom floor right where I left them when I took them off.

Most of the time, however, putting things off works against me. Procrastination is the thief of time and sometimes time just gets away from me and then it's too late. I completed only the first year of my children's five-year baby books and now I can't remember who did what and when.

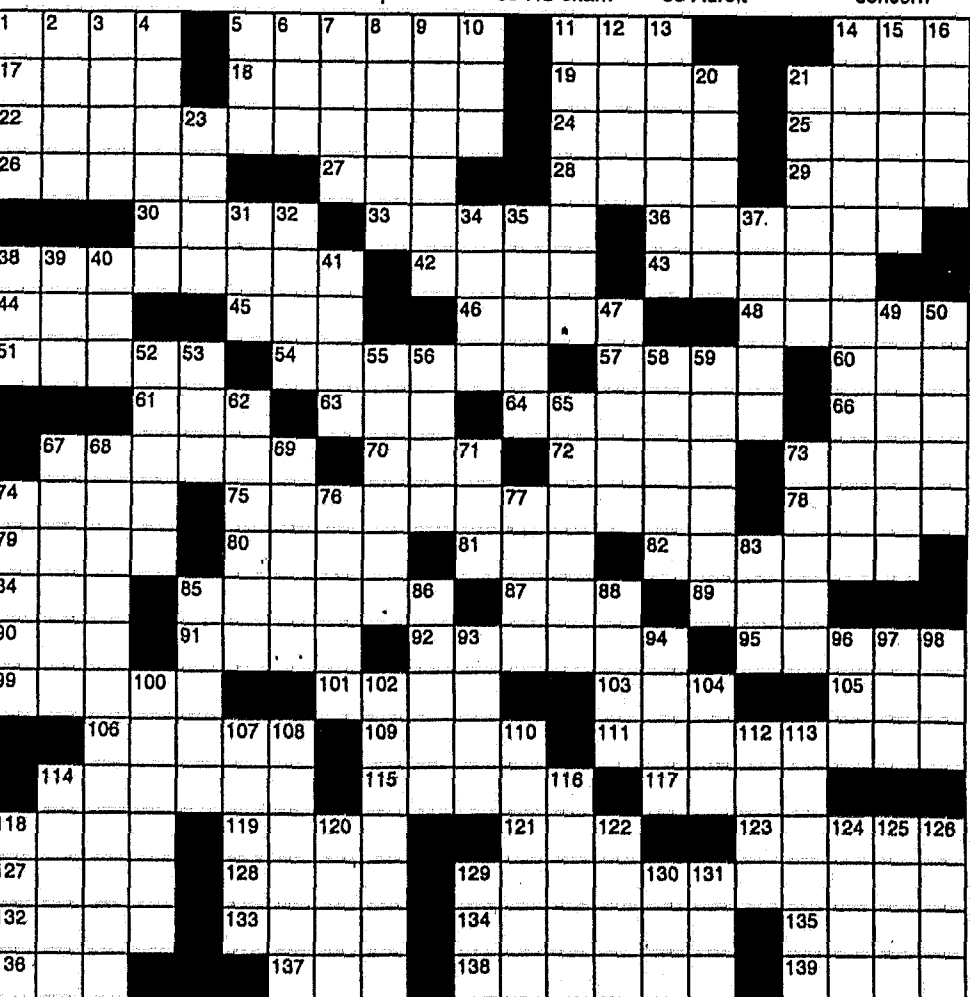
I always planned to take the kids to Santa's Village or Story Land and never got around to it. Now they are taking their own children there.

I really do need to change my ways and just do things when they need to be done. See people, call or write to them when they are on my mind. Get birthday cards out in time for the birthday. Sent get-well cards to people while they're still sick.

The way I see now is as good a time as any to change my ways. I'm going to...wait, that's the telephone, guess I'll just have to finish this column later.

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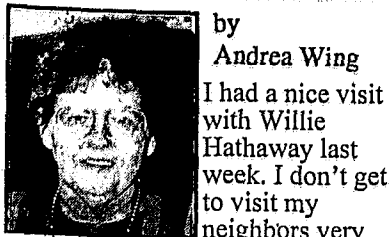
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South Woodstock Bryant Pond



by
Andrea Wing

I had a nice visit with Willie Hathaway last week. I don't get to visit my neighbors very

often and it's always a pleasure. While Willie was visiting he told me how the Town of Greenwood is only Greenwood and no longer Locke Mills. I'm sure most will still refer to the village of Locke Mills by the name it was known by for so many years.

The Willing Worker group of South Woodstock is to be asking the Town of Woodstock to take over the Union Church here. The group has grown so small it is hard to keep up financially. There will be an article in the town report requesting this. We'd appreciate your support. Thanks.

I took a ride by the Smith's home that burned here recently on Curtis Hill. I hadn't gone by since it had burned. It's very sad to see such a nice home completely in ashes. I was sorry to hear about it and all the things they lost and those that cannot be replaced.

Pete and Laurene Appleby stopped by for a visit this week. We're always glad to see them.

I cannot believe I watched the Joey Gamahe boxing match last Saturday night and also the Oscar DeLaHoya fight. My husband, Richard, always watches the boxing matches, but I thought I'd watch, as Gamahe is from Lewiston. It didn't turn out very well.

We've been having such beautiful weather for a few days. It really gets us spoiled when it turns cold and snowy again. Spring will be here soon and we'll soon be complaining about how hot it is.

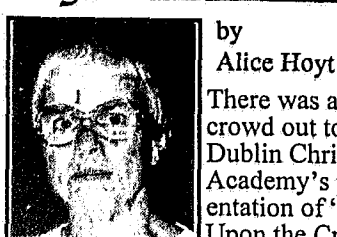
Doug Wing made the dean's list at UMF this past semester. Doug is the son of Rick Wing of Bridgton and Terry Cole of South Paris. He is our grandson.

Please call me or send a note with any news of family or children at school or other places, or anything of interest. My phone number is 674-2102 and my address is PO Box 92, West Paris, ME 04289.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that he has donated two classics to the museum. His academic background is in British and American literature, so he likes the society to have a good collection of classics. He also encourages you to support your local library, and he often donates books on other things to Whitman Library. Mr. Billings has also given a guide to Mystic Seaport and a book with sections on each of the New England states.

Mary Billings has been recording oral history for the Historical Society. Societies always value such projects for people to refer to in the future. Memories are very useful in recreating the past.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that horsepower is something that was much safer when only horses had it."



by
Alice Hoyt

There was a large crowd out to the Dublin Christian Academy's presentation of "Eyes Upon the Cross"

last Sunday at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church. Remember Patch the Pirate Club and Little Adventurers for ages pre-school to grade six meet every Wednesday at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the same time as prayer meeting for adults. On March 12 Evangelist William Jeffcoat and his family will be ministering in music and the word at both morning and evening services.

Judith Grover Tent 17, Daughters of Union Veterans will meet on March 13 for a regular meeting with tasting party and silent auction.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on March 15 at the Town Annex at 1 p.m. The program is Bread Machines and a tasting party.

Joyce and Steve Howe and Annella Burnham have returned home after a visit to Durham, N.C. to visit Rayann Burnham over school vacation.

Locke Mills



by
Lorraine Larson

It has been some time since I've had news from the Greene family, so I was pleased to find an envelope on my door containing the following items.

Jim and Linda Ryan and their sons, Ben and Nick of Marlboro, Mass., have spent their first February school vacation in their home at 42 Howe Hill Road, the former home of Rodney Cross.

They enjoyed skiing at Mt. Abram and skating on the "bog overflow" on the side of their house. Linda's father, Val Greene, has kept the ice clear of snow for all to enjoy.

The Ryans had guests, P.J. and Katie Condon and their two sons, Shawn and Chris from Pittsfield, Mass.

Val and Caroline Greene, also of Howe Hill Road, had as visitors their oldest daughter, Susan Babb of Centerville, Cape Cod, Mass.; Caroline's mother, Flora Haskett of Concord, Mass.; and friends, Dick and Betty Pellerin of Waterville. They also enjoyed skiing and skating.

I had my annual checkup at Norway on Wednesday, and Dr. Kumaki seemed to think I was in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in -- now if I could only do something about that last shape. I was surprised to hear birds singing in the bushes by McDonald's. It may seem like spring but it isn't yet and March can turn ugly.

I am not fond of having my pastors move on to other churches; but, alas, it happens so it was a mixed bag of emotions that plagued

me on Sunday morning as Pastor John and Debbie Grant and friends gave a concert (quote Pastor John, "We sang our way in so we thought we'd sing our way out.")

They sang everyone's favorites and I discovered that most of the favorites were the emotion-packed ones that were likely to cause tears at the best of times and were guaranteed to at one of the sad times. On the other hand, sad as parting is, it is a new beginning, also, for both the Grants and the church, so one wants to be glad for them and anticipate with joy the new pastor whenever and from wherever he comes. And, of course, we are being left in the good and capable hands of the Rev. Charles (Chuck) Mason III and his wife, Kathy, as he is taking on the duties of Interim Pastor. So, as I say, this has brought on all kinds of conflicting emotions. It did not, however, seem to affect our appetites, as we enjoyed a potluck dinner and then an open house when the Grants were presented with a cake, money tree and gifts.

On Monday, those who could went to the parsonage to help the Grants load up the U-Haul truck with their belongings. It amazes me how one can get the furnishings of an eight-room house plus all the contents of kitchen cupboards and personal belongings of four people -- and a pastor's study (have you ever seen the contents of a pastor's study?) into one of those trucks, but they can of course. They also had their cars, plus a couple other vehicles that took some of their things such as clothing and electrical appliances and TVs, but if they'd had to I suspect they could have gotten everything in the truck. Pastor Grant, having been a truck driver some years back, (I started to say "in a former life" but since the church does not teach reincarnation, I thought that might be a poor choice of words), drove the truck to Wells causing Joshua Browne, who brought it up from Norway, to breathe a sigh of relief. I don't think he has any desire to take up truck driving as an occupation. Anyway, they were all loaded by 3:30 p.m. thanks to the help of Jane and Jerry Poulin, Phil Korhonen, Josh and Donna Browne, Stephanie's fiancée, Andrew McIlwan, Jackie Schuessler, and of course, Debbie, Stephanie and Crystal (who, by the way, celebrated her 16th birthday on Sunday). Andy helped with what he could, but he hasn't been feeling well this past week, so he packed it in by afternoon and I spent most of the afternoon keeping Buffy and Boxer out from underfoot, well at least I tried. Joe and Gerry Shimamura were there after Joe got off work at Sunday River. Joe helps with the handicapped skiing. I left as soon as Boxer and Buffy were loaded into Stephanie's car, but I understand they finally got Pastor out of his study where he'd been shredding files and fielding telephone calls and e-mail. Jerry and Jane and Donna and Josh went to Wells in their vehicles to help unload, along with those from the Wells Church, at that end. It must have been a great relief when eve-

ryone was finally able to crash at night. Anyway, we wish the Grants Godspeed and an Irish blessing in their new ministry. And, by the way, I want to make a correction on the title of the pastor's sermon on Valentine's Sunday; it was "How to Put the Sizzle Back in Your Fizzle," instead of "Frizzle" as came out in the paper. Somehow frizzle brings on connotations of a bad hair day.

Usually it's Jazz-Poochie who makes the news with his shenanigans, but this time it was Lucy Maud who surprised me by passing up her food to bolt out the door. I figured she must be having cabin fever pretty badly, so I opened the door to the car and she bounded in, much to Princess's consternation. Lucy usually won't go past Princess. Anyway, I took her for a little ride and she seemed happy with that. J-P really doesn't like riding much so it is something Lucy can do to get away from him occasionally. Everyone needs a vacation sometimes.

The Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary met Monday evening at the fire station to discuss the Town Meeting dinner. Those present were Maggie Ring, Denise Swan, Lorraine Larson, Cheryl Young, Veronica Penley, Ruth Pilling and Mary Stone. The Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 25, at the Jackson-Silver Legion Hall on the Gore Road in Locke Mills. The dinner will be held at noon with the usual hot dishes, salads, rolls and pies and beverages. Proceeds from the dinner are divided between the Disaster Relief Fund and General Fund of the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary.

East Stoneham



by
Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. We want to wish Baylee Hatstat a happy birthday. She turned four years old on

March 7 and is the daughter of Lorrie and Chris Hatstat.

Lois and Eddie Niemi attended the gathering of early drivers of the Oxford Plains Speedway, which was held recently at Willy-Dees Restaurant in Harrison. I believe it was a 50-year celebration for the early drivers. About 50 people were there.

On Tuesday, Feb. 29, 12 members of the Stoneham Fire Department met for their monthly meeting at the Stoneham Fire Station.

Jim and Cathy Farley of Bernard spent Tuesday night with Dick and Marilyn Jones on their way home from a Florida vacation. They had a nice visit.

The Stoneham Winter Carnival 2000 ended on Saturday evening with a free "drive-in" dinner at the Stoneham Fire Station community room. Decorations were of the '50s and '60s. The young ladies did a wonderful job with decorations and the tables were set up like booths. The waitresses wore long poodle skirts with hair ribbons to match and bobby socks and came to the

tables on roller skates to take and deliver the food orders from the counter where the fellers were cooking delicious cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, french fries and also preparing delicious root beer floats and coffee. It was all done in grand style, and I think that everybody had a good time. The baking contest provided the desserts. There was a nice assortment of cookies, bars, etc.

I haven't gotten the winners of the events during the week, but will do so and report on it next time.

Dale Nelson participated in a mountaineering workshop with the Appalachian Mountain Club recently. On the first day participants learned how to hike above tree line using crampons and ice ax. On the second day they hiked near the summit of Mt. Washington. Dale likes to hike when he can, and I hear he really enjoyed himself.

Dale, Kitty and Matthew Nelson went with the Kezar Trail Breakers Snowmobile Club from Lovell on an overnight trip to the Town and Country Motor Inn in Gorham, N.H., recently. They joined Steve, Susan, Aaron and Crystal Fox, the Sundstroms and the Dubs from Lovell and Susan's sister, Brenda Wight and family from Newry. While there, they joined a large group from Lovell, Stoneham and Fryeburg. The riding was pretty good considering the warm weather we've had lately. As usual the accommodations and the food were terrific, especially the prime rib, right Tom?

As this is the season, Molly Nelson has been anxiously awaiting word from the colleges she's applied to. She has heard back from a few already. Good luck, Molly. How did she grow up so fast?

Sunday River Valley



by
Rockie Graham

Last Friday, I was able to attend the Ski and Sleigh Day. Unfortunately, the horse was

spooked by the cars and there were no sleigh rides, but it was a beautiful, if dark, night for skiing. It was a night I discovered what bad shape I was in. I had no control of my skis, and couldn't stay upright. Of course, I'm sure the wax could have been better, but the fact remains, it is time to get back into shape. To that end, ex-neighbor Nancy and I worked out Sunday morning. Needless to say, she is in much better shape than I and I am not wanting to climb stairs or walk too far. Tomorrow I will get back on that horse and exercise again. I will not be in shape to ski, but at least I will be able to hike this spring.

Now, it is Tuesday morning and last night Newry had its Town Meeting. This valley was well represented. Even by some with addresses out of Newry. Although I raised the issue that it is illegal to hold meetings in inaccessible locations, I was ignored. Again, Newry violates the ADA. This is no small

issue, we brag about our handicap ski programs, and yet we make it clear that people in wheelchairs are not welcome at our meetings and in most of our towns. I understand why the library is not accessible, but when given a choice, we should be choosing compliance over non-compliance.

Other than that, and the fact that the Town Report is lacking, the meeting had only a few other snags. Some questioned the fire department budget. Personally, I think that the firefighters know best what they need. I see how often the trucks go out and that is only in one valley. I have driven some of the roads they must travel and know they need the best equipment they can get. In any case, after much discussion, the budget passed.

Next was the transit study. More than most, I am a firm believer in mass transit. I was so excited when Leslie brought the trains. I only hope they will return someday. I am in favor of buses, but I want them available to all of Newry, not just the visitors at Sunday River. Jim kept saying it was a bus not a taxi service, but I think, given how many cars traveled to Bear River last night, it would have been nice to have had a bus going there. Think of the savings to the environment, not to mention the cost of gasoline. None of that was in the study, which promises only buses from Sunday River to Bethel and once a week from Bethel to Norway/South Paris. A good start, but what about the rest of us? The cost to this system, as proposed, is over \$50/year to every man, woman and child in Newry. It won't get cheaper, especially when the federal dollars dry up. Sunday River will pay their fair share -- 50 percent -- but the town pays 25 percent and most of us won't be near the bus lines. Will this bus allow the wheelchair-bound an opportunity to shop in Bethel? Or to go to the doctor in South Paris? Only if they are on the route. Only if they can get to the bus stop. That would be fine if there were shoulders to ride the chair onto the bus stop. That is not there, yet. That vote passed, by one; I only hope Jim L. was right when he said the system wasn't set in stone and would reflect the needs of the community.

On other fronts, spring appears to be upon us, ready or not. I stepped out of my car the other night, only to sink into four inches of mud. By morning it was frozen. Hope this bodes well for maple syruping -- warm days, cold nights. We shall see. In the meanwhile, have a good week, stay warm and watch out for the mud.

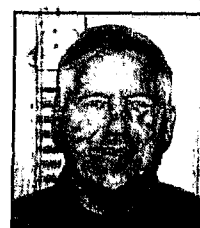
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Mason Township



by Richard Grover

Occasionally, we have a hot time in Mason. One morning last week, David Hanscom stepped outside to get his morning paper before daylight (He starts work at 6 a.m.) and noticed a crackling sound, and then flashes of light coming from the transformer on the light pole in front of his house. He phoned CMP to report the fire, and then came to work. After a while, David's wife, Sue, phoned to tell him the linemen found a dead squirrel atop the transformer. When David related this to me, I asked if he was going home to have fried squirrel for lunch. His response was something to the effect that he preferred road kill to transformer-fried squirrel.

While filling in at the shop, I was told that last fall, shortly after I left, Eeyore was treated to another "double full moon" as he drove into the parking lot in the pre-dawn darkness. He claims to have a photo in his camera to prove it, but he hasn't developed it yet. Then Hobbs observed that Eeyore averted his eyes at the appearance of the moons. He asked Eeyore, "How come?" Eeyore responded that he did not want to be accused of staring at male anatomy, especially, those two. "Besides, I'd much rather stare at Dianne when she is packaging stuff for the UPS man."

Either spring, or pseudo-spring, has arrived around here, I think. The snow is rapidly shrinking, and the sap is running well. I hope it is not just a cruel hoax, but I doubt we'll get through March without some real wintry weather. If not, we'll be planting peas in April. At any rate, I hope it stays like this long enough to give us a few more good maple syrup days. In a week's time, Mona and I can make all the syrup we want, if the weather cooperates. We like to make enough for our own use and to give to relatives and friends who do not make it themselves.

Brother Rupert did not try to tap trees this year due to his injured foot, but Rupert Jr. and Suzanne came up and tapped about 60 trees at the farm last Sunday. I think they intend to make syrup for a week and then pull the taps. They have quite a few beautiful, big sugar maples on the farm that provide a lot more sap per tree than I get from the small trees I have -- but most of my trees are right next to the road.

Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney

Well it's all over but the shouting, and there wasn't any of that yesterday at Town Meeting. In fact, from what I heard it was one of the shortest Town Meetings in recent

history. It was all said and done by noon. I want to personally thank Shirley Gammon for making the donuts; they were well worth the calories.

Paula White Barber from Boise, Idaho, was in town recently visiting her parents, Ronald and Marilyn White, her grandmother, Edna White, and other family members.

Mary Agnes Walton, formerly of Andover, recently underwent heart surgery and is now recuperating at her home in Dixfield.

Blandine Falkenham is at the Victorian Villa in Canton, cards and visits would be welcome.

The East Andover Community Club will meet on Monday, March 13, at the Calvary Church. Marjorie Stinson is the hostess. A food auction will be held.

Doug Averill is visiting with Joe Madigan in Florida -- lucky guy. Bet there isn't any of the evil white stuff (snow) down there.

If you get a chance, go down to Bobby Hall's garage and take a look at his birthday present. If you have never seen and heard a singing Big Mouth Bass, now is your chance. Happy birthday, Bobby.

Margaret and Edwin Simmons of Prince Edward Island, Canada, are staying with Grace Simmons and visiting with family this week.

Don't forget the town clerk/tax collector's part of the Town Office will be closed from March 17 through March 27. Phyllis is taking a well-deserved vacation. The rest of us will be here as usual, dam it.

In a couple of weeks it will be officially spring. Today, as I sit here writing this, it is snowing. In fact, it's snowed almost every day this past week. March has certainly come in like a lion. I will be so glad to see something green growing instead of all this dirty white stuff.

Speaking of green, St. Paddy's Day is next week. Did you know that in Ireland it is considered unlucky to wear green on March 17, and a black cat is considered to bring you luck. My late husband's parents were born in Ireland, and we were fortunate enough to have a chance to visit the country and to see all the places that they had talked about. It was an experience that I will never forget, and I hope that I get the chance to go with my sons some day. And, yes, I did get to kiss the blamey stone.

Who was "Old Hickory," and what did he do. Tell you next week. See ya.

From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

A New England boiled dinner will be featured on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17 at the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to benefit the Bethel Historical Society's capital campaign. Those attending should also be aware of Handicapped Skiing activities on that date as well as a Mahoosuc

Arts sponsored performance in the evening.

Over 50 persons have been enrolled in the society's winter/spring course, "Three Centuries of Bethel's Past," held each month since January. The course is structured around identifying major themes for each century to be discussed by a panel as well as participants.

During the first session, which was re-scheduled due to a storm to Feb. 1; the 18th century was discussed. Centuries of Indian settlement was focused upon. It was clear that most of the Indians had disappeared from what is today Bethel by the onset of white settlement in the 1770s. The first settlement occurred primarily on the intervale land cleared by the Indians for growing field crops, principally corn. There were once grain storage areas on the North Road very near where Walter Clark's house is today.

The arrival of the American War for Independence disrupted the settlement of the town. Its position on the frontier between British (Canadian) territory and coastal settlements was a precarious one during the war. It was subjected to an Indian Raid in 1781, which spread terror throughout the settlement.

The flood of 1785 also served to move settlers from the lowlands to the uplands. Settlement grew rapidly after the Revolution with roads, water power, churches, and schools being among the key issues. By 1796, the town was able to be incorporated as the 107th municipality in the District of Maine bringing the century to an end.

On February 29, the focus was on 19th century Bethel during which much of what we know as the location of roads and streets became established. It was also the era when school districts grew to more than 30 and then by the end of the century were consolidated to a handful.

The town was connected to the outside world for the first time in 1815 by the establishment of postal service. Water power came into force for a number of mills and factories.

Railway service for Bethel came in 1851 and can perhaps be considered the most significant development in the town's history, since it made the tourist industry possible, provided for the shipping in and out of town of a variety of products, led to the building of mills and businesses along the tracks, and moved the center of the town to Bethel Hill.

The 19th century saw the building of 10 church buildings, six of which survive today. The rise of a professional class, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and ministers became a fixture in the community by the middle of the century. Agriculture was being transformed with much more emphasis on scientific farming due to the influence of Farmer's Clubs and later the Grange.

The founding of what later became Gould Academy in 1836 was perhaps the second most important event in the town's history. The Academy's history and that of the town's were linked.

The founding of the first newspaper in 1858 was an important development. Near the end of the century (1895) the Bethel News was established and continues today as the Bethel Citizen.

The development of hotels and boarding houses after the arrival of railway services changed the whole complexion of the town.

In the 19th century, there were a number of historical commemorations including the centenaries of settlement in 1874, of the Indian Raid in 1881, and incorporation in 1896. It was the century of poor auctions and poor farms. The Gehring Clinic, founded in 1896, became a nationally recognized institution in treating persons with nervous disorders. Bethel's William Rogers Chapman brought fame to the town with the founding of the Maine Music Festival in 1897.

Telephone service arrived at the very end of the century. Street lighting and numbering, cement sidewalks, a municipal water system and sewerage system (unfortunately draining into the Androscoggin) were among the changes begun toward the end of the century to make Bethel a "modern" community.

The 20th century will undergo similar discussion on March 28 at the Robinson House. Society Curator of Collections Randall Bennett has prepared a special exhibit at each session with items from the particular century under review.

Further information may be gained by calling the society office at (207) 824-2908.

From the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

All are welcomed to attend the upcoming eighth annual Bethel Area Mountain Madness Norway Savings Bank Alpine Derby to be held next Monday, March 13, at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. Included in the \$35 per person entry is a breakfast, compliments of Dunkin' Donuts; a full day of skiing; a delicious B-B-Q luncheon, sponsored by Oxford Shop 'n Save and the Good Food Store; an amenity bag full of gifts and many chances to win lots of prizes, donated by area businesses; as well as the grand prize, donated by Megalink, a full Rossignol 2000 ski package awarded by a blind draw (anyone can win regardless of ability). We would like a confirmation of your entry by Saturday, March 11, if you bring your application to the chamber office between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Come join with us in a celebration of winter fun. Many thanks to our partners: Title Partner, Norway Savings Bank; Gold Partners: Megalink, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., and Shipyard Brewing Company; and Silver Partners, Adelphia, Chalmers Insurance, Goodwin's Insurance, Hancock Lumber, Hawthorne Investment Management, J.S. McCarthy Printers, and North Center Foodservice.

All members and friends are invited to upcoming events: The Community Networking Breakfast on Wednesday, March 15, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at The Victoria, Main St., Bethel (RSVP is required by Tuesday, March 14), and the March Business After Hours at Café DiCocoa on Tuesday, March 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Another special event is being planned for Tuesday, April 4, in the chamber office, with more information forthcoming.

Many thanks are extended to two super chamber volunteers: Jack Cross for plowing out the Welcome to Bethel sign when the snow was really deep in February and David Freiday, who resuscitated our beautiful tree lights on the Bethel Station lot coming into town. Even though it's past the official holiday season, it is a nice, bright welcome to our lovely village.

We are in the process of compiling our spring/summer/fall calendar of events. We welcome any area organization to call us at 824-2282 to have us include your events at no cost to you. Please call us by Friday, March 24.

Best wishes to board member Kevin Finley and his wife Margie on the birth of their healthy baby girl, Caroline, last week. Also, a huge get well to board member Rocky Freda, who is home after a weekend stay in the hospital.

From the Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

The auxiliary was unable to meet on March 2 as planned. The new meeting date has been set as March 9 at 7 p.m.

It is expected that at that time it will be decided to have a card party on Sunday afternoon, March 19, the proceeds to go to Tri-Town Ambulance and Rescue Service for the new defibrillator they hope to purchase.

March is designated as Community Service month for the American Legion Auxiliary, and this card party would be a community service, although they do such services throughout the year. As usual, for a donation of \$5 card playing would begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m. There will be a break to enjoy refreshments, and door prizes will be given out throughout the afternoon.

Notes from SAD44 Adult Ed

There will be a seminar on grantwriting basics offered by SAD44 Adult Education on Monday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Telstar High School.

Linda Gamble will present information, including strategies for success and on-line resources, geared for individuals and organizations interested in getting started in seeking grants and preparing applications.

The fee is \$5. To register, call the Adult Education office at 824-2780.

From the Bethel Outing Club

Bethel Outing Club Kids' Play Day will take place at the Gould Academy cross-country trails on the Grover Hill Road in Bethel on Sunday, March 12, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Children from pre-school, through grade five are invited to take part in supervised age-appropriate activities on cross-country skis, with an emphasis on enjoyment and skill building. Parents are invited, but not required, to take part. This weekend's organizer is Marie Keane, who can be reached at 824-2608. The suggested contribution is \$5.

From the Telstar Athletic Boosters

The Telstar Athletic Boosters Club cord of firewood raffle was a huge success. The raffle raised many dollars toward the purchase of "spirit" banners for the Telstar gym and/or other needed items to support the athletes. Many thanks go to the people who supported this benefit by buying tickets and to the students and parents who helped make it successful. The wood was donated by the Jim Swan family and delivered by the Brian Douglass family. The winning raffle ticket was drawn during the winter sports awards assembly on Wednesday, March 1, and the winner was the Jeff Parsons family.

The newly renovated Telstar Booster Club concession booth has had a very busy selling season. Thanks to the many officers and members who spent many hours volunteering their time for the benefit of the athletes. What wonderful community volunteers we have at Telstar.

Booster Club members served refreshments, made by supporters and members, at the winter sports awards on Wednesday, March 1.

The Booster Club would like to thank the coaches for their dedication to the athletes. We appreciate the great job that they do.

The next Booster Club meeting will be announced in the next Bethel Citizen at print time.

Anyone who would like to be a supporter or member of the Telstar Athletic Boosters may contact any of the officers: President, Merrilee Ojeda; vice-president, Bernice Caddigan; treasurer, Teresa Estes; or secretary, Marilyn Swan. Messages may be left at Telstar Middle School (824-2136) c/o Merrilee Ojeda.

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Sports

High School Boys' X-C Skiing

Maine High School qualifier at Sugarloaf, March 5--Bethel area students Justin Hautaniemi, of Gould Academy, and Colin Reuter, of Telstar, had qualifying runs at the Maine High School Qualifier 6.5 kilometer Pursuit. Hautaniemi placed fifth in the classical event, and posted the fastest time of the day in the skate race to finish second overall. Reuter's 13th-place finish in the classical, combined with the skate, for a time of 34:34.8, seated him 13th overall. The top 20 men's and women's competitors earned spots on the Maine Eastern High School Championship Team, and will race against teams from New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts March 18 and 19. Also qualifying representing Gould Academy were Betsy Capone of Bridgton, who placed 11th with a combined time of 42:58.2, and Ronan Donovan of White River Junction, Vt., who was 12th with a combined time of 34:25.8.

High School Girls' Alpine Skiing

Maine team selection race at Shawnee Peak, March 6: Telstar's Becky LaVallee finished third and Gail Aloisio 11th in a field of 27 in combined slalom and giant slalom competition. Racers who had finished in the top 10 of state championship competition in Classes A, B and C took part in the race. The Rebel skiers qualified for the Maine team that will compete March 11-12 at the Eastern High School Championships at Mt. Snow, Vermont.

USSA X-C Skiing

New England Championships at Rangeley, March 3-5: Four Telstar skiers raced in the J2 championships. The top 20 14-15 year old boys and girls from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts competed. In the boys' 5k skate race, John Reuter was 10th, Brian Zinchuk 20th and Fred Bailey 29th. In the 5k classic race, Reuter was 12th, Zinchuk 25th and Bailey 26th. In the 1k sprint, Reuter was 18th, Zinchuk 24th and Bailey 42nd. For the girls, Sarah Gamble placed 52nd, 46th and 30th, respectively. The Maine team won the event, followed by Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire.

USSA Alpine Skiing

Junior Olympics at Sugarloaf, March 7: J/JII downhill—Women (46 racers): Winning time: Jessica Kendall, 1:17.45. Local finishers: 6. Stephanie Vaughan (Telstar) 1:18.49; 17. Jodi Curry (Gould) 1:20.38; 33. Adora Burke (Gould) 1:21.99; 38. Megan Hoyt (Gould) 1:22.99. Men (79 racers): Winning time: Gregory Petrics, 1:14.50. Gould finishers: 35. Patrick Donovan 1:17.30; 40. Thomson Riley 1:17.63.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF MARCH 13

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program
Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Telstar Middle/High School Lunch Program
Monday: Teriyaki chicken-h/b bun, potato chips, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Tuesday: Fried chicken, mashed potato, sliced carrots, blueberry cake, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, chicken pattie-h/b bun, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, potato chips, beef ravioli, hot dog (turkey)/bun, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Thursday: Pancake w/syrup, ham, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, fishwich, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Friday: Bologna, bread, french fries, assorted fruit juice, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

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LANGLAUF RESULTS

The results for the 28th annual Langlauf race at the Sunday River Cross-Country Ski Center are as follows:

Men's 15 kilometer: first, Raul Siren (Athens); second, Jeff Newsom (South Paris); third, Peter Merrill (Cape Elizabeth).

Women's 15k: first, Saranne Taylor (Norway); second, Rose Buckingham (Waterford, Conn.).

5.5k: Tamara Isham (Bethel).
Kids' 1k: first, Kayla Day (Bethel); second, Sierra Gridley (Portland); third, Eliot Last (Newry); fourth, Kyler Walker (Newry).

Dean's list

AT HESSER

Danielle Littlehale of Bryant Pond and Newry has been named to the president's list at Hesser College for the fall semester.

Littlehale is in the second year of a two-year criminal justice/law program. She is a 1998 graduate of Telstar Regional High School.

AT USM

The following students have been named to the dean's list at the University of Southern Maine for the fall semester: Jayson Hebert of Bethel; Megan Cole, Amanda Jordan, Michael Marin and Brandy Poland of Bryant Pond; and Benjamin Fogg of Locke Mills.

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Meeting Cancellation

Due to schedule conflicts, the March 13 joint meeting of the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen has been cancelled. The next meeting for review of the FY 01 municipal budget will occur on **Monday, March 27 at 7 pm, Town Office.**

Please call or email me at
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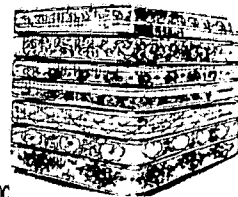


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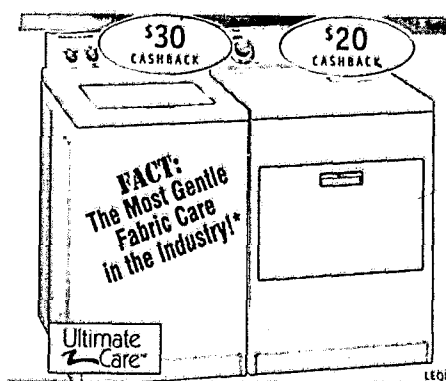
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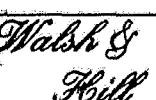
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Front: Sasha Morin, Sarah Swan, Liz Rosenberg, Ashley Gould, Kelsey Dole, Siobhan Henley. Back: coach Mary Richardson, Lindsay Hart, Marissa Corriveau, Casie Brown, Chelsea Cozzolino, Brandi Figueroa. (Photos courtesy Alston School Pictures)

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Community Calendar

Activities

Public Computer Access: The Adult Learning Center is open for free computer use by adults during the Learning Center hours: Mondays from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All lab users must complete a SAD44 Acceptable Use Policy regarding Internet and e-mail use. A public access computer is available at the Adult Education/ITV office at Telstar on Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 824-2780 to check on availability.

Mondays, 13, 20—Create positive changes in you personal and work life at "Moving Through Fear" workshop, sponsored by Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community, at Rumford/Mexico University Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and at Oxford Hills Adult Education from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. For information or to enroll, call 753-6622 or (800) 442-2092.

Ballroom Dance Class, March 22-April 26, 7 to 8 p.m., at Agnes Gray School gymnasium, West Paris. Instructor: Nancy Willard. Proceeds to benefit First Universalist Church, West Paris. Cost: \$25. To register, call Joyce Lamb (674-2002) or Nancy Willard (665-2788).

"Hello Dolly"—March 30, 31, April 1 and 2— the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School-Community Broadway Show, will be presented in the OHCHS school auditorium. Tickets for the show on sale at Books 'n Things, Oxford. Tickets: \$7 for children through eighth grade and senior citizens 62 and over, and \$9 for adults.

Gardening Workshop, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, 13, 20 and 27 at Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. For more information or to register, call 743-6329 or (800) 287-1482.

Thursday, March 9—Free tubing night at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Saturday, March 11, 8 to 11:30 p.m.—Old-fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall, with music by the Felt Orchestra. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Missoula Children's Theatre production of Beauty Lou and the Country Beast, 3 and 7 p.m. at Crescent Park Elementary School. Tickets: \$3 and \$5 in advance or \$5 and \$7 at the door available at Big Apple in Bethel, Andover Elementary School, Crescent Park Elementary School and Woodstock Elementary School. For more advance tickets or more information, call 824-3575.

'Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club class, plus level square dance at Oxford Hills Middle School, Pine Street, South Paris. John Thompson, caller and Sally Lennox, cuer. Early rounds: 7 to 7:30 p.m. Square dancing: 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. A-1 intermission. Everyone welcomed.

Randy Judkins, visual and verbal comedian, will be featured at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort as part of the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: children six to 12, \$3; adults, \$5 in advance or \$5 and \$7 at door. May be purchased on-mountain at South Ridge Lodging Check-in, Snow Cap Inn, Summit Hotel front desk or in Bethel at Books N Things. For more information, call 824-3575.

Sunday, March 12, 12:30 to 2 p.m.—Kids' Play Day, sponsored by Bethel Outing Club, will take place at Gould Academy's cross-country trails on Grover Hill Road. Pre-school through grade five invited. Suggested contribution: \$5. Contact Marie Keane at 824-2608 for information.

Monday, March 13, eighth annual Bethel Area Mountain Madness Norway Savings Bank Alpine Derby at Mt. Abram. For more information, call Bethel Chamber of Commerce office at 824-2282.

Grantwriting Basics seminar, 7 to 9 p.m., at Telstar High School, sponsored by SAD44 Adult Education. To register, call 824-2780.

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.—Telstar Alumni Association meeting at Telstar library. All alumni, please attend.

Wednesday, March 15, 10 a.m. to noon—"Historic Gardens of Maine," with Theresa Mattor, landscape artist, who will describe many of Maine's significant historic gardens with slides at McLaughlin Foundation, 97 Main Street, South Paris. \$7.50 includes tea or coffee and lecture. Call 743-8820 to reserve space.

Woodstock Extension meeting at Town Annex, 1 p.m. Program: bread machines. Tasting party.

Bob Berkly, maestro of mime, will perform at 7 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River, sponsored by the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series. Tickets: children six to 12, \$3; adults, \$5 in advance or \$5 and \$7 at door, may be purchased on-mountain at South Ridge Lodging Check-in, Snow Cap Inn, Summit Hotel front desk or in Bethel at Books N Things. For more information, call 824-03575.

Thursday, March 16, 6 to 8 p.m.—Building Bird Houses will be offered as part of the Celebrating Fatherhood program, sponsored by Community Concepts for toddlers to young teens and their fathers. Slide presentation on bluebirds will be first after which participants will construct bird houses from pine and nails. Free. For more information, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

Friday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. (social period), 11 a.m. (meeting)—Oxford County Retired Teachers will meet at South Paris Congregational Church. Cookie walk. Music by Sweet Adelines.

New England Boiled Dinner at Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room, 5:30 p.m. to benefit the society's capital campaign.

Second annual Mud Ball, 8 p.m. to midnight, at Gould Academy Bingham Gym, sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council. Phil Rich Big Band. Black tie optional. Ballroom and swing lessons included 6 to 7:30 p.m. \$15 single; \$25 couple (advance); \$30 couple (door). On sale at Big Apple, ruthe's, Designs, or call 824-03575.

Saturday, March 18—Boston Flower Show trip. Cost for bus: \$25. For more information or to sign up, call JoAnn Crockett at 824-3288 or Lola Crockett at 824-2228.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Afterschool program, Tuesdays 3:15 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Interim Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. 836-6005 or 824-7289 for more info.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5 p.m. thru March. 743-2606. Note: A Eucharistic Adoration service will take place every Thursday during Lent at St. Catherine's Catholic Church at 32 Paris St., Norway. Time: 3 to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-2289.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Ash Wednesday service March 8 at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m. (No house church third week of March). 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: Clayton Sweatt 824-8231.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service. 665-3133.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist—Closed for winter recess. Please join us in the spring.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite. 392-1121.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study Thursday evenings at Pastor Gammon's home in Woodstock.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist—Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 6 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19, Rev. Deborah Jenks.

West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris—UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June). 674-2365.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange—Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info. call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Rebel Recreation Restaurant, West Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m. Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460 the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Frank Gibson home, North Road, Bethel, at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. FACTS (Family/Friends And Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m. Bethel Recreation Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.



Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 9, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!				Star Trek: Voyager	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "Silverwolf"				Maglo-Las Vegas	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	God, Devil	Frasier	Stark		Will-Grace	News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire		20/20 Downtown	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Made in Maine		Irish Tenors: Live From Belfast			Green	Fender	
(22)	College Basketball: ACC First Round				College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal			Sportscenter		
(34)	Matt Houston		Movie: "A Deadman's Revenge"				Life and Times-Dukes	Matt Houston		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Diagnosis Murder		Diagnosis Murder		48 Hours	News		
(41)	College Hockey: Hockey East Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						Sports	College Basketball: Stanford at Arizona		
(15)	Spice World	Movie: "Nadine"			Movie: "There's Something About Mary"			Naked Players-People		
(17)	Movie: "Up, Up and Away"		Youngstown and Steps		Movie: "Kidz in the Wood"			Bug Juice		
(18)	Ever-Cinderella		Movie: "The Negotiator"					"Wishmaster 2: Evil Never Dies"		
(20)	College Basketball: Big Ten Tournament First Round		ESPN News	Front Row	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		"Love's Deadly Triangle: The Texas Cadet Murder"		Golden	Golden		
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Over the Top"				Movie: "Point of No Return"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Catdog	Catdog	All in Family	Jeffersons	All in Family	Jeffersons	All in Family	Jeffersons
(25)	Movie: "Can-Can" Cont'd		Movie: "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"				Movie: "The Hot Rock"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Fried Green Tomatoes"					
(27)	Law & Order		Biography				Inside Story	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Desperate Hours"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Revolutionary Journey	Sports	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 10, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Carolina Hurricanes					Frasier	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	"Ladybugs" Cont'd	My So-Called Life			Higher Ground		Exploring the Unknown	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence		Soap Opera Digest Awards			News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boy-World	Boy-World	Sabrina	Hughleys	20/20	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St	Served	Are You Being Served?	Served	Are You Being Served?		
(22)	College Basketball: Big East Tournament Semifinal		College Basketball: Big East Tournament Semifinal		Teams TBA		Sportsctr.			
(34)	18 Wheels of Justice		Extreme Wrestling		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Motor Madness	Bowling: Rockin' Bowl		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Kids Say	Cosby	Now and Again		Nash Bridges	News		
(41)	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics				College Basketball: Atlantic 10 Semifinal			Sports		
(15)	Movie: "Cousins" Cont'd		Movie: "Judgment Night"				Movie: "Blowback"	Dennis M.		
(17)	So Weird	Movie: "The Paper Brigade"		Backstreet Boys			Movie: "Rent-a-Kid"			
(18)	"The Karate Kid" Cont'd		Sometimes They Come Back		Movie: "You've Got Mail"			Passion		
(20)	Front Row	College Basketball: Big 12 Tournament Quarterfinal		Front Row	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "A Face to Die For"			Once and Again		
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Sister Act"				Movie: "Honeymoon in Vegas"			
(24)	U Pick Nicktoons				Jeffersons	All in Family	Jeffersons	All in Family	Jeffersons	All in Family
(25)	"We're No Angels"		Movie: "The Far Horizons"				Cinema	Movie: "The Valley of Gwang"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Casino"					
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		L.A. Detectives		Poirot	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "No Holds Barred"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 11, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens						Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager		
(32)	Movie: "Au Pair" Cont'd		Movie: "Ice Angel"				Janet Jackson: The Velvet Rope			
(6)	Fam. Feud	Seinfeld	Pretender		The Others		Profiler	News	Sat. Night	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Sleepers"					News	Skating	
(10)	Frank Patterson: God Bless America!		Red Green		Red Green Level 00 (Uh-Oh!)			Red Green	Red Dwarf	
(22)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Big East Championship				College Basketball: Mountain West Champ.			
(34)	Wild Women		Opry	Grand Opry	Country Homecoming		Oak Ridge Boys	Opry	Grand Opry	
(13)	ER		Early Edition		Marital Law		Walker, Texas Ranger	News		
(41)	College Hockey: Hockey East Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						FOX Sports News	College Basketball		
(15)	Movie: "Stella" Cont'd		Movie: "Message in a Bottle"				Boxing: WCB Doubleheader			
(17)	So Weird	2 Hour Tour	Movie: "Brink!"		2 Hour Tour	Britney Spears		Bug Juice		
(18)	"Can't Hardly Wait"		Movie: "U.S. Marshals"				Movie: "Black Cat Run"			
(20)	College Hockey: ECAC Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA				ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News		
(44)	"Someone Else's Child"		"The Other Mother: A Moment of Truth Movie"		Oh Baby	Golden		Any Day Now		
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Thelma & Louise"					Movie: "The Presidio"		
(24)	Skeeter	Rugrats	Rugrats	Amanda	Caitlin's Way		I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Desi	
(25)	Movie: "Rio Bravo" Cont'd				Movie: "The War of the Worlds"		Movie: "The Girls on the Beach"			
(26)	Movie: "Fried Green Tomatoes" Cont'd				Movie: "The Fabulous Baker Boys"			Movie: "No Escape"		
(27)	Love Chronicles		Biography		Movie: "The Golden Spiders: A Nero Wolfe Mystery"		Top 10			
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Ill. Luckiest	Movie: "FX 2"				News	Bzzz!	Sex, Lies	
(39)	Capital	Sports	Worldview	Movers	Larry King Weekend		Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight	

SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 12, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	7 Days		St. Jude-Hope		Wild Things	Coach	Blind Date	
(32)	Movie: "St. Patrick, the Irish Legend"				Movie: "Searching for Bobby Fischer"				Boss?	
(6)	NBA Basketball: Spurs at Knicks				Movie: "Donnie Brasco"			News	Big Break	
(8)	Movie: "Model Behavior"				Be a Millionaire		Practice	News	Paid Prog.	
(10)	American Experience						Mystery!		European	
(22)	Basketball Trn.		NHL Hockey: Philadelphia Flyers at Colorado Avalanche					Sportscenter		
(34)	Fishin'	Fishing	Outdoor	Grigsby	PRCA Rodeo		Outdoors	NASCAR	Car	
(13)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "Going Home"			News		
(41)	College Hockey: Hockey East Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
(15)	Movie: "Blue Chips"				Sopranos		Movie: "True Crime"			
(17)	So Weird	Bug Juice	Famous	Famous	Walt Disney Presents		Movie: "Ride a Wild Pony"		Nick	
(18)	Movie: "Blow Out" Cont'd		Movie: "The Fury"				Movie: "The Untouchables"			
(20)	Preseason Baseball: Red Sox vs. Astros				ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	
(44)	Another Wmn		Movie: "Deadly Pursuits"				Any Day Now	Beyond Chance		
(5)	"Days of Thunder"		Movie: "Nowhere to Land"				Movie: "Nowhere to Land"			
(24)	Eddie	Amanda	Caitlin	Nick News	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	A New Leaf	Screen	Movie: "The Cowboys"				Movie: "The Day the Earth Stood Still"			
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat		Cover Me: FBI Family		Pacific Blue		La Femme Nikita	Law & Order		
(27)	Top 10		Biography				Biography			
(12)	Movie: "Sleeping With the Enemy"				Total Recall 2070		News	Replay	Bzzz!	Beastmstr
(39)	Worldview	Sports	Worldview	Pinnacles	CNN & Time		Cold War	Sports	NBA Wk.	

MONDAY EVENING MARCH 13, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Parkers	Grown Ups	Malcolm	Star Trek: Voyager	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "Desperate Choices: To Save My Child"				Famous Families	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Freaks and Geeks		Twenty One		Third Watch	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Satan's School for Girls"				Once and Again	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Hearts of Glass Pledge Event				Hearts of Glass Pledge Event			
(22)	Hoops	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at New York Rangers					Baseball	Sportscenter		
(34)	Matt Houston		Movie: "Dallas: The Early Years"					Matt Houston		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Grapevine	Raymond	Becker	Family Law	News		
(41)	TBA	Celtics	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Detroit Pistons				Sports	Sports	Last Word	
(15)	"Hope Floats" Cont'd		Movie: "If These Walls Could Talk 2"				Paradise Lost 2: Revelations			
(17)	Movie: "Angels in the Endzone"		Movie: "Noah"				Movie: "Three Amigos"			
(18)	Movie: "Titanic" Cont'd		Movie: "Unforgiven"				Movie: "Bad Girls"			
(20)	Front Row	Women's College Basketball				Front Row	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Beyond Chance		Movie: "A Case for Life"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Detroit Pistons				Inside NBA	"Back to the Future"		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Thornberrys	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"The Film Flam Man"		Hollywood		Movie: "Ocean's Eleven"			Movie: "Blue Hawaii"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone	Farm Club.com		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		City Confidential	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Prefontaine"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports	Moneyline	

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 14, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Secret Agent Man		I Dare You!		Star Trek: Voyager	Mad	Mathis	
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "Ice Angel"				My So-Called Life	700 Club		
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	3rd Rock	God, Devil	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	Dateline	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Be a Millionaire		Dharma	Sports NI	NYPD Blue	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wisdom of Menopause				Your Diet, Your Health			
(22)	Basketball	NCAA	NHL Hockey: Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Colorado Avalanche					Sportscenter		
(34)	Matt Houston		Bowling: Rockin' Bowl		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Bull Riding	Matt Houston		
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		60 Minutes II		Judging Amy	News		
(41)	Celtics	Slant	College Hoops Tour.		Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News	Toughman	Last Word	
(15)	Movie: "Practical Magic" Cont'd		Movie: "Message in a Bottle"					Sopranos		
(17)	Movie: "Smart House"		2 Hour Tour		Movie: "P.U.N.K.S."			Movie: "The Worst Witch"		
(18)	"The Negotiator" Cont'd		Movie: "Plato's Run"				Movie: "Saving Private Ryan"			
(20)	Front Row	College Wrestling: ECAC Championships			Front Row	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "The Secret She Carried"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Pretty Woman"					Movie: "Star Wars"		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rocket	Rocket	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	The Ghost and Mrs. Muir		Moviemakers		Movie: "Kiss Them for Me"			Movie: "My Bodyguard"		
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Farscape			Walker, Texas Ranger		
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Love Chronicles	Law & Order		
(12)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Rocky V"				News	MacGyver		
(39)	Election Returns		Election Returns		Larry King Live		Election Returns	Sports	Moneyline	

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 15, 2000

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	7 Days		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Voyager		Mad	Mathis
(32)	Boss?	Boss?	Movie: "The Call of the Wild: Dog of the Yukon"			Higher Ground			700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		West Wing		Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Two Guys	Norm	Drew Carey	Spin City	20/20		News	
(10)	Newshour-Lehrer		Don McLean: Starry, Starry Night				Don McLean: Starry, Starry Night			
(22)	College Basketball: NIT First Round -- Teams TBA				College Basketball: NIT First Round -- Teams TBA			Sportscenter		
(34)	Matt Houston		Dead Man's Gun		18 Wheels of Justice		Magnificent Seven		Matt Houston	
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	City of Angels		Movie: "Vegas Vacation"				News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics				Sports	FOX Sports News		Toughman	Last Word	
(15)	Movie: "Turner & Hooch"				Sopranos		Oz		Paradise Lost	
(17)	2 Hour Tour	Movie: "Horse Sense"			Movie: "RocketMan"			B Witched-Five		
(18)	"Bye Bye, Love" Cont'd		Movie: "A Simple Twist of Fate"				Sometimes They Come Back		Passion	
(20)	AHL Hockey: Worcester IceCats at Providence Bruins						ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "Presumed Innocent"				Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Ripley's Believe It or Not!	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Spongeb	Spongeb	Brady	Hillbillies	All in Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
(25)	"Teacher's Pet" Cont'd		Movie: "Arrowhead"				Movie: "The Greatest Show on Earth"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Raiders of the Lost Ark"					Ranger
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		American Justice		Law & Order	
(12)	Full House		Full House		Movie: "The First Power"		News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline		Crossfire		World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand	Sports
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In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the Mahoosuc Arts Council's second annual Mud Ball will feature a cabbage toss game. The ball will be held on Friday, March 17, in the Bingham Gym at Gould Academy.

The evening begins with dance lessons from 6 to 7:30 with dance instructor Bridget Lancaster. The Phil Rich Big Band, with 15 musicians, will begin playing a variety of dance tunes from 8 p.m. to midnight (BYOB).

As an added attraction the evening's activities will also include a 50/50 raffle and bowling with cabbages. Winners of the cabbage bowl will take home the table centerpieces, which will be specially created by Designs of Bethel.

The ticket price is \$25 per couple in advance and \$30 per couple at the door. Singles can join the fun for \$15. Tickets also include the cost of the evening's swing and ballroom dance lessons.

Tickets purchased before Monday, March 13, will be entered into a drawing to win a ride for six people with CJ's Limousine Service.

Tickets can be purchased in Bethel at Ruthie's and Designs, Big Apple and by calling the Mahoosuc Arts Council at (207) 824-03575 or e-mail mahoosuc@gould.academy.org.

Special thanks to Crystal Spring Water, Unicef, Sunday River Ski Resort, CJ's Limousine Service, Seltzer and Rydholm, Shaw's Supermarkets, Gould Academy and Designs for their financial and in-kind support.

The sixth annual Snowshoe Challenge, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council, will take place at Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center on the Sunday River Ski Resort Access Road in Newry on Sunday, March 19, beginning at 10 a.m.

The course has been structured to accommodate participants of all ages and abilities, with distances ranging from 3 km to 10 km. This family-oriented event will begin with a mass start following a course over the groomed sections of the cross-country ski trails, through woods and fields and with a few fun obstacles added for interest.

The \$15 registration fee includes trail fees and refreshments. Awards will be presented only to the participants in the 10 km event in the following age categories: 19 years and younger, 20-29 years, 30-39 years and 50 years and over.

For those wishing to just join in the fun, a \$7 entry fee will be required to cover the trail fees only, no awards or prizes.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration on Sunday, March 19, will be held between 9 and 9:45 a.m. at the Sunday River Cross Country Center Lodge. Rentals can be obtained at most cross-country ski centers and a few of the local ski shops.

The event is being sponsored in part by Bethel Family Dentistry, Dillon Gillies and the Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center. All proceeds from this event will go to help the Mahoosuc Arts Council bring artists and performances to the schools and communities in the SAD44 area.

For more information, call Dillon Gillies, race director at (207) 875-2009. The Mahoosuc Arts Council is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to bringing arts and cultural programs to schools and communities in the Greater Bethel Area of Western Maine since 1986.



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In the coming week, the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series will present performances by Randy Judkins and Bob Berky. On Saturday, March 11, Randy Judkins will perform at Sunday River Resort with his vaudevilian blend of eccentric characters, Down East humor, magic and juggling. Judkins is a visual and verbal comedian dedicated to amusing, amazing and awakening the child in all of us. On Wednesday, March 15, the antics continue as Bob Berky, maestro of mime, lights up the stage with his theatrical clowning. Berky uses only physical movement, the power of suggestion and somehow understandable blurtings of a kazoo to convey his mad-cap messages. Berky is a clown -- an innocent, theatrical clown bravely tackling forces that are stronger than himself. Each show begins at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River. Tickets for these family events are \$3 for children (six through 12) and \$5 for adults in advance, or \$5 and \$7 at the door. Tickets may be purchased on-mountain at the South Ridge Lodging Check In, the Snow Cap Inn and the Summit Hotel front desk or at Books-N-Things in Bethel. For more information, call 824-3575.

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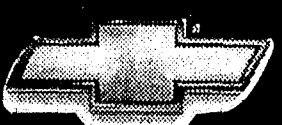
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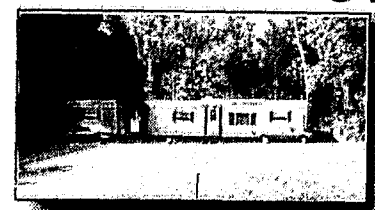
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FARMHOUSE - OUTBUILDINGS - LAND
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TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000 at 11:00 am



Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Order and Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 3, 1998, which judgment was entered by the Superior Court of Oxford County in the case of KeyBank National Association vs. Janet M. Harriman d/b/a Home Acres Mushroom Farm, et al. Docket No. RE-98-21, and wherein the Court adjudged a foreclosure of a mortgage deed granted by Janet M. Harriman dated August 23, 1996 and recorded in the Oxford (Western District) Registry of Deeds in Book 365, Page 666, the period of redemption from said judgment having expired, a public sale will be conducted on April 11, 2000 commencing at 11:00 am at the property site on Route 113 in Fryeburg Maine. Reference should be had to said mortgage deed for a more complete legal description of the property to be conveyed.

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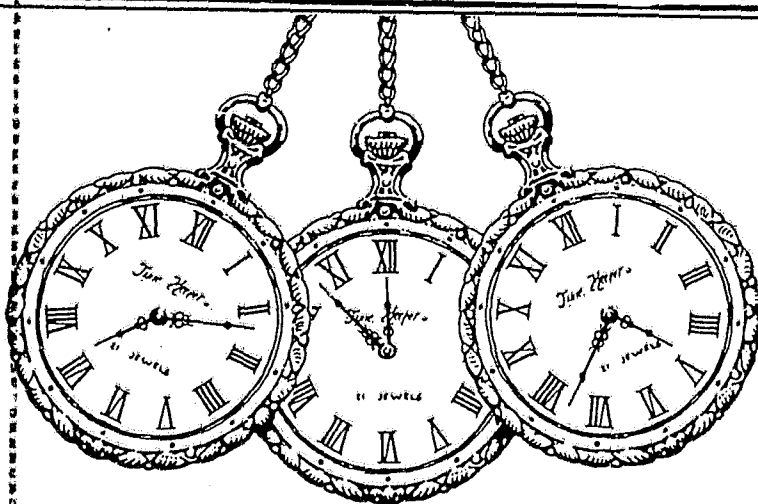
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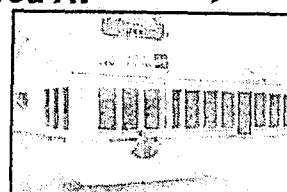
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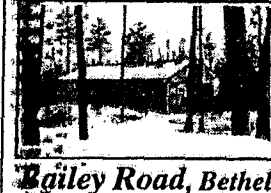
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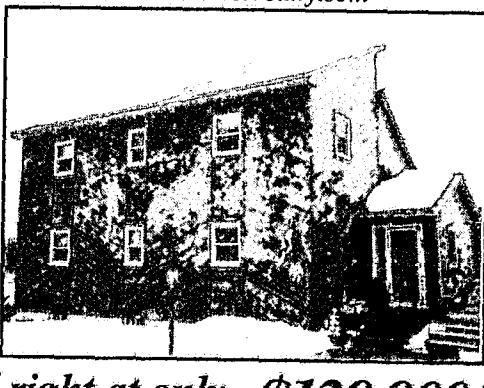
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Condef at Powder Ridge! Beautiful 3+ bdrms, 2.5 baths, stone fireplace, big deck, garage and spectacular views of the Sunday River! Only \$215,000!



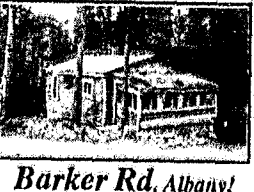
70 Howard Pond Rd, Hanover! Nice 3+ bdrm, 2.5 ba, colonial! Over 3,000 sq. ft. on 2.5+/- acres, plus income apartment for only \$149,900!



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Extraordinary Floor Plan - Fabulous retreat loc at Sunday River with ski-on/ski-off access to Ridge Run Trail. The spacious rec room has a lg FP & wet bar. The gourmet kitchen is open to the GR w/2nd FP making entertaining a pleasure. 2 oversized upstairs BRs w/their own baths, 2 lower BRs w/ath & separate sitting area. 10 person hot tub off the back deck. \$460,000



Comfortable Colonial - This delightful newer home is located in a desirable subdivision close to the Village of Bethel. Inside, bright windows provide sunlight throughout the day. 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a wonderfully designed mud room, hardwood floors... all on 2.1+/- acres. \$175,000



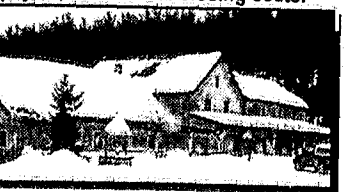
Paradise Road, Bethel - Located in one of Bethel's most desirable areas, this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home features a spacious open floor plan, m/bdrm suite, full daylight basement & an attached 2 car garage. Outstanding mtn views. Live in the location that is always in demand. \$229,000 - Seller will pay \$3,000 towards closing costs.



Newly Built 3 Bedroom/2.5 Bath Log Sided Home - Enjoy this brand new home sit close to the Village, yet off Paradise Road. Nice open floor plan w/ig FP to enjoy from the dining & living rooms. Master BR w/private bath on the 1st floor. Wonderful farmer's porch for those warm evenings. A great family home or ski base! Reasonably priced at \$132,000



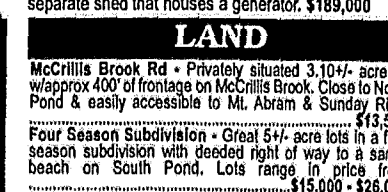
Antique Farmhouse w/Acreage: The House of the Seven Gables at Peaked Hill Farm - Circa 1870 farmhouse set on 34 acres gazing across fields to mountain views. Many tasteful renovations. Lg GR w/exposed beams, hardwood floors & open FP gives way to newly renovated eat-in kitchen. This 3 BR home features a formal DR, study & 2 full baths. Detached 3-car garage & separate shed that houses a generator. \$189,000



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LAND McCrillis Brook Rd - Privately situated 3.10+/- acre lot w/pond, 100' of frontage on McCrillis Brook. Close to North Pond & easily accessible to Mt. Abram & Sunday River. Four Season Subdivision - Great 5+/- acre lot in a four season subdivision with deeded right of way to a sandy beach on South Pond. Lots range in price from \$15,000 - \$25,000

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Obituaries



FANNIE L. CUMMINGS

Fannie L. Cummings, 97, of West Bethel, died early Saturday morning, March 4, 2000, at the Maine Veterans Home, South Paris.

She was born in Greenwood City, on July 10, 1902, a daughter of Fred and Lucinda (Martin) Waterhouse. She attended grammar schools in many towns and high school in West Paris.

She married Alanson R. Cummings on Nov. 25, 1920, who predeceased her on July 1, 1991. They resided in West Paris first for four years, then they traveled to California in 1924 and again in 1928, where their only child was born, returning to Maine in 1932. In 1951 they moved to Connecticut, again returning to Maine in 1972.

In 1920 Fannie became a charter member of the Jackson-Silver Unit 68 of Locke Mills. She was a 60-year member of the 8/40 Salon, with over 50 years of membership in the Granite Chapter of O.E.S., and West Paris Grange, which granted her a life-membership. She became a member of the Nazarene Church of Bethel in 1996.

In 1942 and 1943 she was state president of the American Legion Auxiliary. On Feb. 14, 1943 she christened the USS Isaac Sharpless, that was built at the South Portland Shipyard.

During the World War II years she was a recruiter for the WAVES, sold war bonds, belonged to the Motor Corps, and learned to drive an ambulance in convoy, and to repair them. She also had to use and wear a gas mask and go through a gas chamber, and take a Red Cross First Aid course.

After the War she was employed by Penley's Mill for five years. In 1953 she moved to Connecticut and was employed by an egg farm, where she packed eggs, and in the summer she also packed tomatoes, retiring in 1964.

For the next 21 years, she and

Alanson traveled west to California and south to Florida visiting their many friends and relatives along the way. In 1972 they moved back to Maine settling in West Bethel.

In 1996 Fannie received a special patch to wear on her hat or jacket for the hours of volunteer work at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris. In 1998 Fannie moved to the Maine Veterans Home to live.

Survivors include her daughter, Cathryn Lovejoy and her husband Cleveland of West Bethel; three grandchildren; Alanson F. Lovejoy and wife Tyrene of West Bethel, Dorothy L. West and her husband Ray of Rumford, and Ellen Whitney and her husband Rick of Bethel; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson; a brother, Elmer Waterhouse and his wife Eda of South Woodstock; and a sister, Mary Elizabeth Strother of Poland.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Nazarene Church on Monday, March 6. Interment will be in the Wayside Cemetery, West Paris, in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Bethel Nazarene Church Painting/Building Fund, c/o Juanita Korhonen, Route 232, Box 310, Bryant Pond, ME 04219.

FREDERICK MARTIN

Frederick Martin, 75, of Indianapolis, Ind., died March 5, 2000, at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

He retired in 1966 after serving 20 years with the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman.

He spent the next 20 years with the Indianapolis V.A. Hospital as a psychiatric aid, retiring in 1986.

He served in World War II, the Korean Conflict and in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife, Edith (Littlehale) Martin; a son, Michael; a daughter, Anita Hensley; two sisters, Louise Heathcott and Mildred Koch; four grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 8, at Crown Hill Funeral Home in Indianapolis, with interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish to give Pastor Mowery a special thank you for his support during Linwood's illness, special words at the funeral and for just being there for the family.

The family of
Linwood Machia



LEONARD JOHN BISHOP

Leonard John Bishop, 66, of Bethel died unexpectedly Monday, March 6, 2000.

He was born at Rumford Community Hospital on Jan. 14, 1934, to Joseph and Mary (Zale) Bishop. For most of his life he was a professional woodsman. Also, he had a logging company with his son David for many years.

Mr. Bishop lived in the Bethel area for many years and raised his family there.

He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman and enjoyed his trips to Kennebec and spending time with his sons. He will be sadly missed by family, friends, and also by his "logging buddies."

Survivors include his two sons, David of East Andover and Chad of Santa Barbara, Calif.; two daughters, Terry Erro of Winthrop and Tracy Baker of Waterville; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Sevachko of Canfield, Ohio; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and three nieces and one nephew. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Louise Annis.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, 10 a.m., at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, Bethel. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Lenny's memory to the family: David Bishop, P.O. Box 14, East Andover, ME 04226.



Provencher—Mackay

Barbara Provencher of West Bethel announces the engagement of her and the late John Provencher's daughter, Miranda, to Mark Mackay, son of Robert and Janet Mackay of Gorham, N.H. The wedding will take place on Sept. 23.

In Loving Memory of

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What the Heart Holds

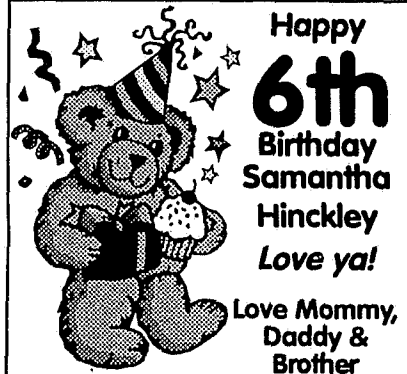
In the breast of a bulb
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In the little blue egg
Is a bird that will sing.

In the soul of a seed
Is the hope of the sod.

In the heart of a child
Is the Kingdom of God.

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Births

Christopher and Lauren Bean of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, William Roland, born on Jan. 12, 2000 at St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston.

Maternal grandparents are Roger Benson of South Paris and Dorene and Harold Wilbur of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Elaine Bean of South Rumford and the late Roland Bean.

Great-grandmothers are Ruth Pulsifer of West Paris and Arlene Rowley of South Rumford.

Corinna and Jeffrey Beebe of Waterford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Mariel Louise, born on Feb. 21, 2000 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Peter and Erica Plock of Ansbach, Germany.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Genevieve Beebe of Waterford.

Mariel joins two brothers, Mark and Connor, 11 and 4.

Matt and Jennifer Corbett of Otisfield are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Emily Ann, born on Feb. 28, 2000 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Gale and Louann Bell of Norway.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Cathy Corbett of Otisfield.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, love, cards, phone calls, flowers and moral support during our loss. Also, a sincere thanks to Greenleaf Funeral Home and Togus Medical Regional Center.

The family of
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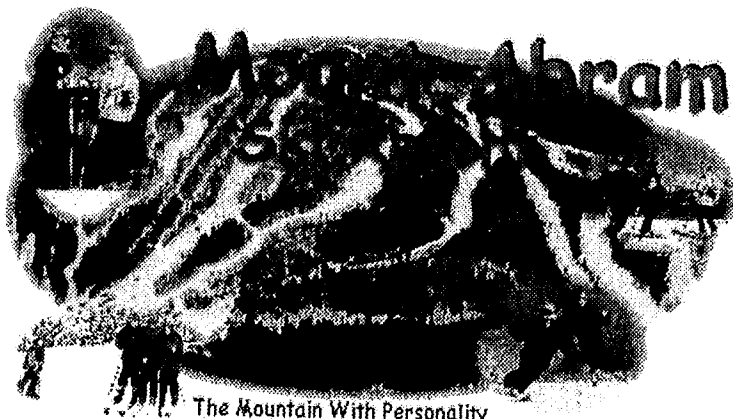
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11 & 12 year olds 10:00 am

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HIGH	SOCIETY	TILL	TERM
ADELE	NTH	ISLE	ENOS
FINCA	SERUM	ASTRAY	
SARATOGA	RASA	SHANK	
AID	WES	GULF	MEETS
TRASH	EASIER	RIDE	DIP
TELE	PIPA	PHOTOS	ETIE
COAXES	UGO	COOR	EDIE
SANG	SHIPOFF	FOODS	EGAD
URGE	TORRI	FED	DARREN
GRO	LAREDO	TED	LEI
AIL	ATEN	HEADER	DELLA
REDDY	EBAN	FUR	SAM
ERUPT	IRIS	THEPATSY	
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EROS	AVID	THESHOT	LIST
UNIT	NEMO	EASIER	HATE
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